

## Essay

Throughout the long river of China, a huge amount of things have precipitated and created the treasure that we call Chinese culture. A variety of forms have been created to express the thought from Chinese cultures. Chinese opera is one type of art expressions that use visual effect and sound infection to influence people and, personally, the most appreciated and admired on throughout all the types.

Chinese opera is a form to express historical events and stories; therefore, it lets me understand Chinese culture a lot better by letting me know the stories from Chinese history. One of the most famous tales, *White Snake*, has helped me to have the idea of what a traditional love story is like, and by acting it out with AATF, it surely has let me understand more than I had not discovered before the performance. It had introduced some basic images of what different kind of people in ancient China looked like, and other knowledge and feelings that I had never well known before. The beautiful dance movement in the opera inspired me to start learn dance in AATF. Throughout the process of learning traditional dance, it has give me advantages and chances of showing Chinese culture to people. In school, more people have showed their interest in Chinese dance and that encourages us, showing up on the dance competition at June, which is certainly a good thing for both others and myself. By the showing of all these feelings and examples learning and being interested at opera has absolutely brought me a positive influence in my school career and my

extracurricular life.

My interest of opera started with y mother, an opera actress, continued with my individual researching, and now is strengthened with the learning from AATF. I rejoice that I know this excellent art, and it is a thing that I will put my effort in and love forever.

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