

A

Describe a period of time in the history of your country that you are interested in.

You should say:

when it was;

what happened during that period of time;

who played an important role in this period of time;

and explain why you are interested in this period of time.

B

Describe a historical building you visited.

You should say:

where it was;

what it looked like;

what it was used for when you visited it;

and explain what you learnt there.

Last summer, I visited the Palace Museum of Beijing with my friend. The Palace Museum used to be the palace for emperors in the Ming and Qing Dynasties, and is now turned into a museum for people to visit. It is huge and majestic. So I am talking about a group of historical buildings in general, not just a single one.

The Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, is China's largest and best-preserved group of architectures in existence. It covers an area of 720,000 square meters. It's just huge. There are many magnificent palaces, numerous courtyards, and delicate gardens. It represents the style of buildings in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. It's a bright gem in China's long history, and it signifies China's rich traditional culture. Also, it is a monument of the achievement of Chinese ancient constructors.

In China's long history, I am most fascinated by the history of the Ming Dynasty and the Qing Dynasty. The history of these periods is a record of China being defeated by imperial countries. It reminds me that we, young Chinese people, as a new generation, should work hard to make the dream of Chinese rejuvenation come true.