



普通高中教科书

英语

选择性必修

第三册

Unit 3 Back to the past

Integrated skills



Topic today:

Popular history books has been more and more popular in recent years. Do you think we should read this kind of books? What are your opinions? Please share with us.

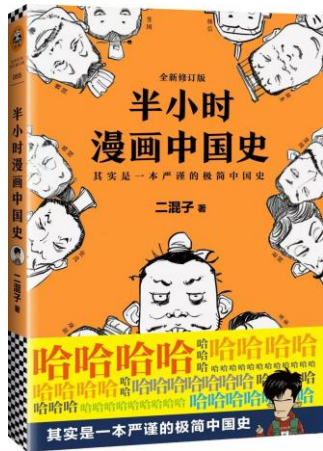
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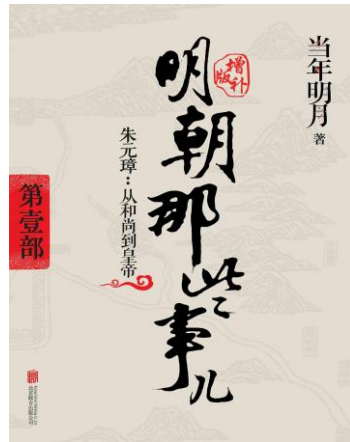
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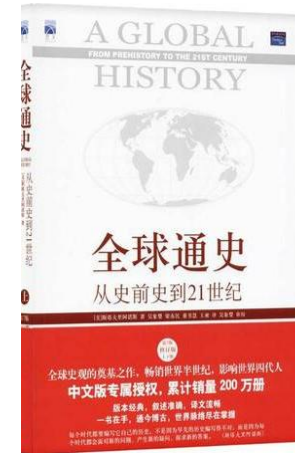
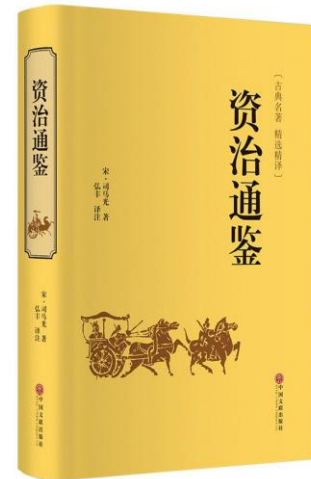
1. Do you like reading history books in your spare time?
2. Popular history books or academic history books, which do you prefer?



popular history books
通俗历史读物



VS



academic history books
学术性历史书籍

Listening

Reading

Speaking

Writing

Listen and complete the notes on your worksheet.



➤ **before listening:**

1) go through the notes and circle the keywords

2) make a prediction about the content

➤ **while listening:**

keep focused and look out for the synonyms (同义词)



My favourite popular history book



Writing style

- The author turns history into a (1) **story**.
- She gives a vivid (2) **description** of historical figures or events.
- Her (3) **language** is easy to understand.

Features

Factual accuracy

- The author has referred to many academic history books to check the (4) **facts**.
- Different (5) **views** on the same event have been considered.
- Similar (6) **events** have been compared.

Personal experience

Influence on me

- The author has inspired me to do more (7) **research** on certain topics.
- I am eager to read up on history.

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Favorite

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HISTORY

Book

Listening

Reading

Speaking

Writing

Read the article and figure out the main idea of each part.

Popular history books

Para.1

Introduce the current situation of popular history books and the historian's personal opinion on it.

Para.2-3

Give reasons and examples to support his opinion.

Para.4

End the article with a strong conclusion.

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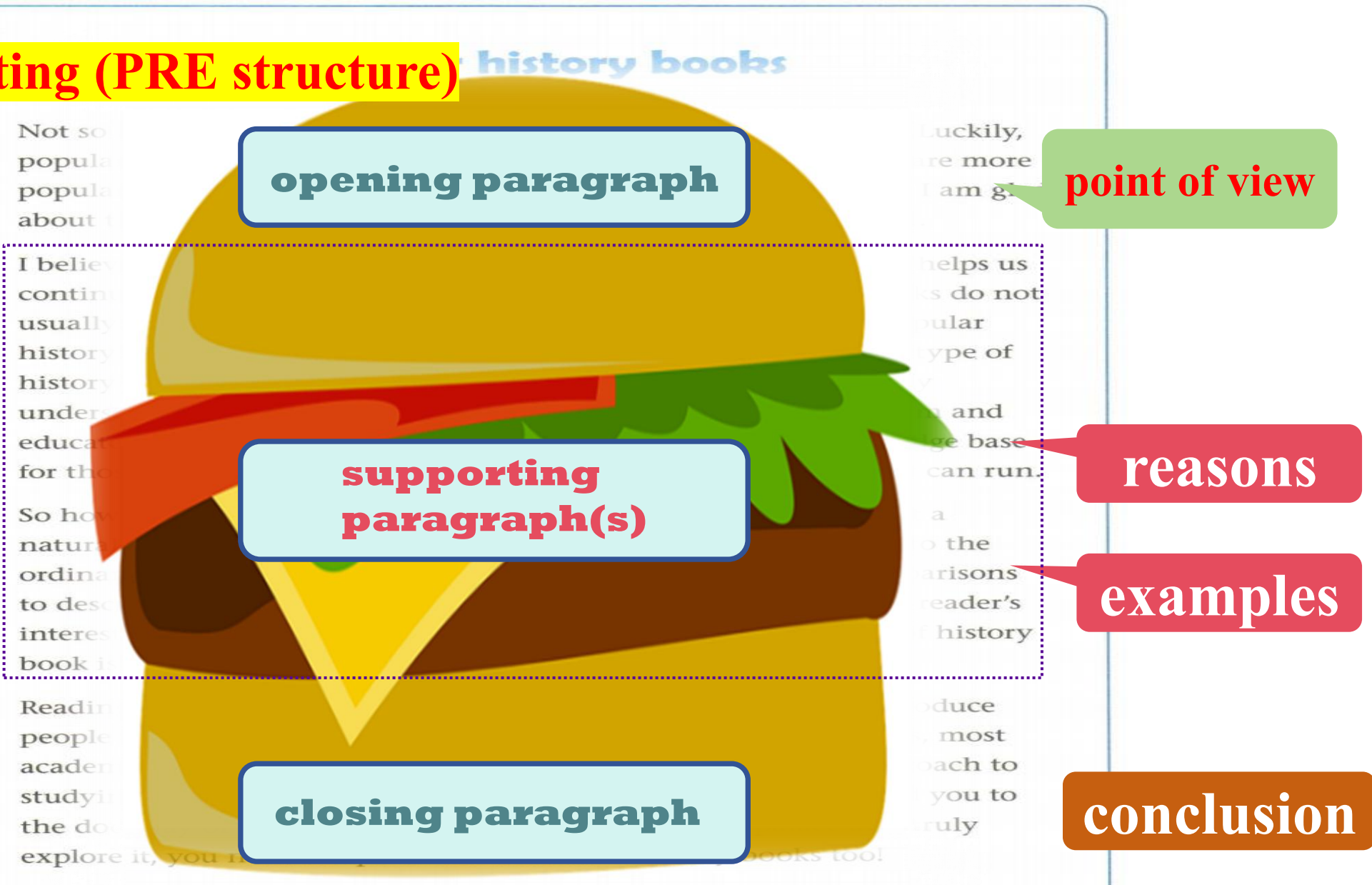
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Hamburger writing (PRE structure)



Para.1+para.4

Popular history books

Not so long ago, history was a heavy topic for the general reader. Luckily, popular history books have made that a thing of the past. There are more popular history books on our shelves than before. As a historian, I am glad about this! I want as many people as possible to enjoy the subject.

Reading popular history books is certainly a fantastic way to introduce people to the basics of history. Contrary to popular history books, most academic books tend to adopt a more analytical and serious approach to studying history. Think of it this way: popular history books lead you to the doorway of a palace, but if you want to enter the palace and truly explore it, you need to open a few academic history books too!



What?

Para.2-3

I believe understanding the past that has shaped the present day helps us continue to build a better future. However, academic history books do not usually make that easy for the general reader. With the rise of popular history books, the subject is now more accessible than ever. This type of history book presents historical information in a way that is easily understood, sometimes with a touch of humour, seeking to inform and educate a wider audience about history. It also provides a knowledge base for those who want to study history but need to walk before they can run.

So how do popular history books achieve this? The authors adopt a natural, chatty style of writing that opens up the subject matter to the

ordinary reader. Also, they often use straightforward and interesting comparisons to describe historical figures or events vividly, thus engaging the reader's interest. Packed with vivid descriptions and fun facts, this type of history book is highly readable and true to life.

Why?

reasons

examples

Features

writing style

influence on readers

factual accuracy

Reading

Listening

Speaking

Writing

Critical thinking

What might be the potential drawbacks of popular history books?



factual accuracy

The historical knowledge they spread may be untrue, which will be confusing and misleading to the readers.

writing style

Sometimes they don't have an in-depth analysis of some historical facts.

influence on readers

Readers may easily get influenced by the authors' attitude to certain historical events or persons.



Reading

Listening

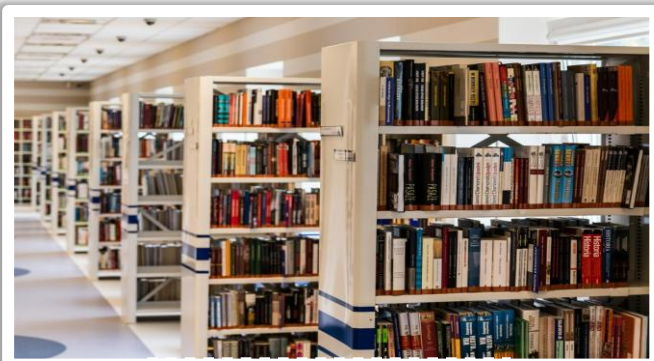
Speaking

Writing



Pair work:

According to your personal experience, what are your point of views towards popular history books?



1. What's your opinion of popular history book?

2. Why do you like or dislike reading them?

3. What are the features of them?

4. What can you get from reading such kind of book?

Reading

Listening

Speaking

Writing

Possible pattern:

Act out your dialogue!



Nowadays, there are more and more popular history books coming into market. What do you think of that?

As far as I am concerned, (opinion)



Why do you think so?

I hold the idea because popular history books usually... (reason)



I see. Have you ever read such kind of books? What's your personal experience?

Actually,... (example)



Useful expressions



Agreeing

- I agree with you.
- Yes, that's right.
- You're absolutely right.
- I feel the same way.



Disagreeing

- That 's not always the case.
- I don't think that's a good idea.
- I don't see eye to eye with you.
- I'm sorry, but I totally disagree.

Reading

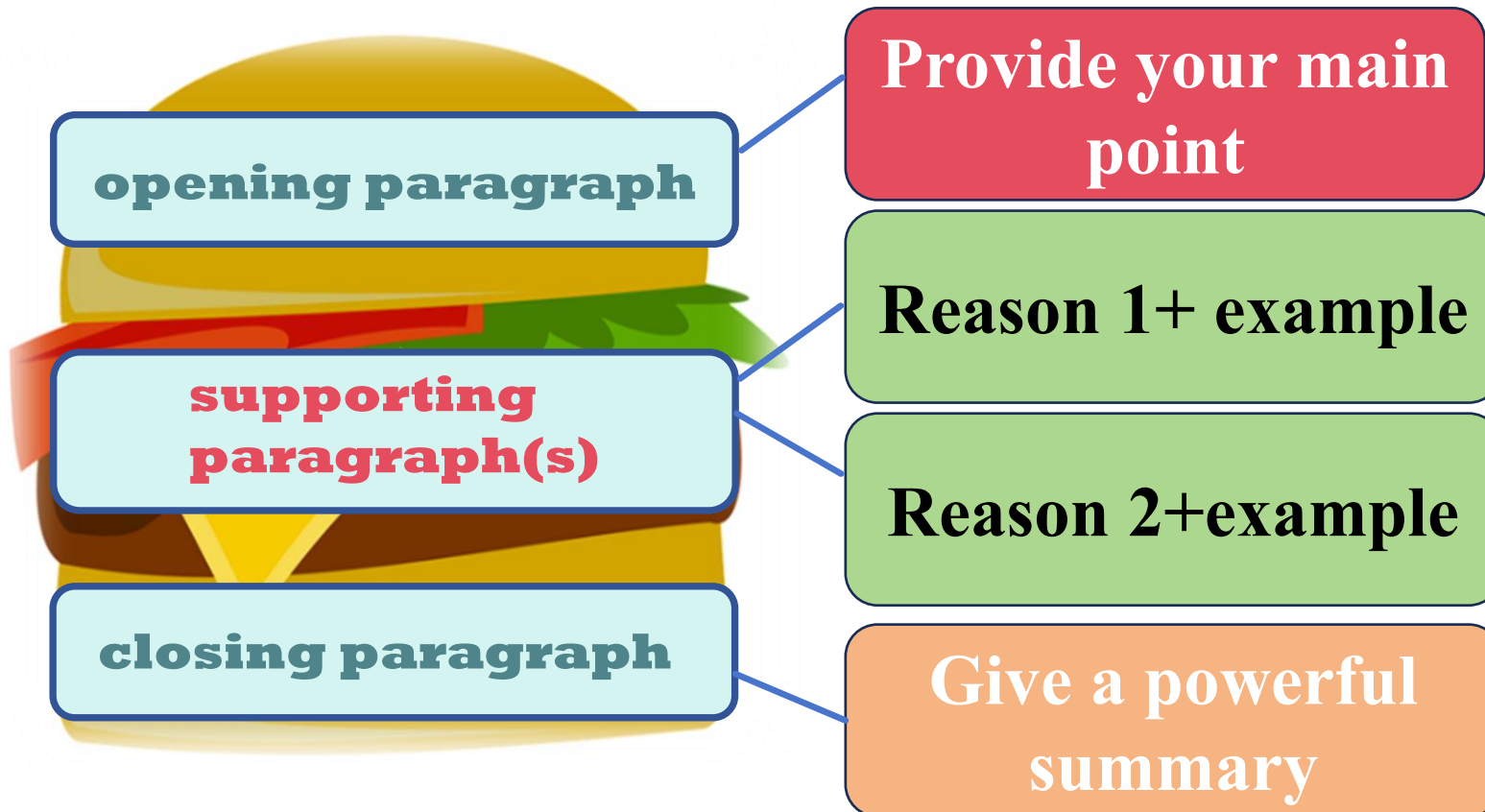
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Writing

Express your opinion about popular history books

Hamburger writing (PRE structure)



Group work:

- 1. Each member is responsible for one part;**
- 2. Leader presents the group work**

Reading

Listening

Speaking

Writing

Peer review:

Content

- Is there a main point on popular history books clearly stated?
- Are there convincing supporting reasons and examples?
- Is there a powerful summary in the closing paragraph?

Language
Handwriting

- Does the writing use correct grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, spelling and rich sentence patterns?
- Is the handwriting neat?



Reading

Listening

Speaking

Writing

Possible sample:

Nowadays, it is acknowledged that popular history books enjoy great popularity. I am in favour of reading popular history books. The reasons are as follows.

First of all, the authors adopt a natural, informal style of writing, which makes it easier for the readers to understand. In addition, they often use stories and interesting comparisons to describe historical figures or events vividly, greatly attracting the readers' interest. Furthermore, they can also lay the solid foundation for those who want to study history.

To conclude, reading popular history books is an excellent way for people to learn the basics of history. But if you want to have a good command of history, you need to turn to academic history books.

Homework

Option 1

Complete and polish up your composition.



Option 2

Make a vlog to introduce your favourite popular history book and post it on social media.

