

Test 3 2012/6/14

Integrated writing:

The short essay argues that the painting *Elderly Woman in a White Bonnet* is not the work of Rembrandt, for several doubtful flaws. On the other hand, the speaker argues that the painting is authentic, for under more scrutinized examination, the previously seemingly invincible doubts are well explained. First, the passage argues that the pricy fur collar is inconsistent with the clothes worn by the elderly woman in the painting, due to that kind of clothes are only worn by servants at that time. On the otherhand, however, the speaker mentioned that the fur collar in the painting was very likely added by others. The proof is that after the paint shed off, the underlying original paint emerged, which is exactly the collar worn by servants, consistent with Rembrandt's meticulous painting attitude. Moreover, the passage says that the light illuminating the face from below looks unnatural, since dark-color object, the fur collar, does not reflect light that way. The explanation is, according to the speaker, the color is not the original one. The original collar is white, which reflects light. Finally, the short essay accused the painting of using multiple wood boards. The

Independent writing

Question: It is more important to keep your old friends than making new friends.

It is once said by a poet, "the new is gold while the old is silver." Make the new while keep the old." It explains to us that both new friends and old friends are invaluable treasure to us. I agree with the statement that keeping old friend is more important than making new friends. The reasons are as followed. As the proverb goes, "One bird in hand worths two birds in woods." The same goes on making friends. A good old friend is worth more than 10 new friends, since no one can guarantee whether new relationships will last long. Also, a tested relationship doesn't comes easily. Those who have experience many things with us are bounded stronger with. Besides, making new friends takes time, cultivating a new relationship requires more energy than maintaining an old relationship. The time of every man is finite, so the cost of making new friends is that we lose some time to accompany the old. In my opinion, the essence of making friends is not getting as much as possible, but find the best friends who know you, value you, and love you whatsoever. We don't need fair-weather friends, who are not friends but snobbish posers, technically speaking. All we need is a real friend that can always be on our side and back us up when we face adversity. Nevertheless, it is undeniable that making new friends has its benefits. Friends are our teacher, our resources, our assets. We can learn new things and refresh ourselves by making new friends. Still, the most important is that we have to strike a balance between making new friends and keeping the old.