

第 26 篇 [請人評改文章] [Ask Critique to your Writing]

命題大意：敘述請人批評文章的經驗

寫作大意：說明個人請人批評文章的情形

ASSIGNMENT : 12/4/2002

Ask a trusted friend to critique your work. Give him or her copy of your article or story and a pen. Ask him or her to write suggestions on the piece. Whether you use the suggestions is up to you.

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People doing writing in their lives are inevitable to ask critiques about their work from others, except on the confidential writings such as love letters, wills and the like. In the current year 2002, I have written almost a hundred writings of different natures, with which, I have cordially asked some intimate persons to review and give comments. Herewith I would like to list the four typical cases as examples to fulfill the assignment.

The first case is a paper I wrote in this spring regarding the six months' military training I received at 16 years of age in the high school in 1937 in the province of Hunan China. One week after we left the training camp, on the 7th of July, the Sino-Japanese war exploded. With the training received, we were sent to all over the province to work for another six months. Beginning in the spring of 1938 we organized the people, mostly being peasants, for the preparation of a long time live- or- die war. Actually the war lasted more than eight years and caused several millions of casualties, the heaviest in the history of China. Three of my very few schoolmates, now still alive and kept in contact, received the above grand memorials drafts, which rekindled their thoughts of the past. They responded passionately and gave few corrections and supplements regarding the names of related persons and some details.

The second case is a paper I wrote as a courteous assignment from my old time colleague and friend when I worked from 1946 to 1953 in the post Aero Engine Factory (AEF) in China. I worked as a technician in the foundry shop for six years and ten months. AEF was one of the most ambitious industries related to national defense which burgeoned in the war time but aborted because of the civil war which caused the AEF to be moved to Taiwan in 1949 and then dismissed. A group of old time AEF colleagues are encouraging fellow workers to write memorials to mark that great feat. I finished an almost 95% PREFINAL and mailed it to a few intimate friends to review and comment. Some valuable feedbacks were received as basis for me to prepare the FINAL sent out on October this year.

The third case of requesting trusted friends to criticize my work occurred here in this class in relation to teacher Ms. Jane Priewe, whom I have asked to review and correct the spelling and grammar on my assignment writings in the writer's roundtable society since I joined it in March this year. Her corrections and comments always meet my whole heart acceptance and appreciation.

The fourth case worth of mentioning is regarding my wife Minshan, whom I have requested to review almost all of what I write in Chinese. This includes letters to be mailed and essays for proposed publishing. She always gives blunt and acute comments on my writings, on which, I mostly adopted and only a few disregarded.