

第008篇 [“島”的種種及其引發的思維。]

命題大意：用一“島”字引發多種思維，擇要組織成文。

寫作大意：以台灣島為題而發揮。

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[Write the word "ISLAND" in the middle of an unlined sheet of paper. Draw a circle around it, then in the margins all around the circle, write as many things as come to mind having to do with island --imagines, sights, smells, sounds -- let your imagination flow. Take your time, when you have created its inhabitation if any to make it interesting (Good practice for creating a "setting").]

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I have done the above accordingly and have written many words relevant to the word "ISLAND" including but not limited to the following listed: water, isolated land, water surrounded land excluding continents, abundant of fishery, Taiwan, Taiwan strait, part of China, independence and unification confliction, American's involvement, economic booming and so on. Actually I can write several tens more. But it's enough to prove the fact of the stated imagination flow and creating a setting. It is amazing. An idea of writing something about the status of Taiwan suddenly emerges in my mind. It is natural to form a "setting" to write an article namely "The Taiwan Problem, the Confliction between China and America. ". At this moment I do not have time to write such essay or essays, but cannot stop the flow of ideas that surround this topic, and well get a proof to use such a method to create a "setting". The following I list a part of the memory and thoughts induced from ISLAND to TAIWAN.

In 1953, when I first came to USA as an allied student, I happened to attend a party. That time, the place of Taiwan wasn't as popular to Americans as in now a day. A lady in the party after knowing my presence and origin

raised a question expressed her skepticism on the wording of "on Taiwan" or "in Taiwan". My blunt reply was: "if you think Taiwan an island, use ON. If a country, use IN".

Taiwan had long been thought as an island in the Pacific Ocean only about 120 miles from the mainland. A considerable amount of Chinese mainlanders began to immigrate thereto in about 2 century. For a long time it was governed by the dynasties, which governed the mainland. However, during the time when the mainland was weakened and in a chaotic situation, it once fell to the hand of Dutch, and another time to the Japanese control, each in a period of about 20 to 30 years respectively. It was returned to the Chinese sovereignty in the year 1945 when Japan was defeated in the Second World War. However in the year 1949, China split into two government entities the "Republic Of China" (ROC) and "People's Republic Of China"(PROC). Therefore there existed two avocations of unification and independence among the people in Taiwan arguing with each other. People believe eventually Taiwan will be returned and unified to one China but nobody knows how soon the unification would be realized.