Day 3 上午

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Self-Introduction

1. California does grow rice, because it will consume a large amount of water. The local government only allows 15 minutes each time to water flowers or grass and at most twice a week.
2. Dr. Karber grew up in a large family, a family full of teachers.
3. Dr. Karber once worked in one of NPOs, which provide all kinds of services for free and run with donations from rich people. Rich people do so mainly for avoiding paying taxes. He has also been a consultant and serve on boards of two NPO.
4. Dr. Karber also taught MBA/MPA classes each year and also taught on-line MBA/MPA courses.
5. Dr. Karber taught Chinese training groups for the past 15 years.
6. Dr. Karber likes traveling and he has been to 52 countries with many countries visited more than once. He thought that when traveling, he can not only know more about other cultures but also learn from other cultures and in turn, help to perfect the culture of his own country. People in the USA are still indulged in the illusion that Chinese people are struggling with everyday life, but as a matter of fact, China has saw more and more high-line buildings while here in LA, buildings are rare and most houses are spread out.
7. Some famous sites, such as Yellow stone park with old Faithful greyser, which steam out at exactly every 90 minutes. Buffalo is called Bison here and deer is called elk.
8. In Mt. Rushmore National park, there are 4 presidential statures. They are Washington(1732-1799), Jefferson(1743-1826), Lincoln(1809-1865) and Theodore Roosevelt(also called Teddy Roosevelt)
9. Grand Canyon park is also a famous park, through which River Colorado runs that provide 1/3 water resource for LA. But in recent years, rainfalls goes down, therefore water in the river is lower and lower. People in LA are concerned that they will not have enough water also another 2/3 can be provided by also decreasing underground water and melting snow water. Government in LA are considering about converting sea water into soft water, which costs a lot of money though.
10. In Crater lake National park, there is a lake which is a deepest lake in America, and it is a volcano lake
11. Yosemite national park is famous for its rock cliffs, and many people die there because of climbing it. But a new movie will soon be released in the following March featured by a real man who climbed to the top of the cliff with his bare hands and without any help in just 4 hours.
12. Bride veil can be used when we want to describe waterfall.
13. Sequoia redwood is a kind of fir or cedar, but it is so tall with long longevity and in fact some of them are over 2000 years old. This kind of tree is a good material for furniture because of its strong textures.
14. Hawaiian island is beautiful and Mississippi river is the longest.
15. In American, Federal government don’t decide government so long as every state provides education, and it is state government that decide what subject teachers should teach, how many students there are in a classroom, salary, retirement age, etc.
16. In American, NY has highest tax rate, second to which is CA.
17. If you look at the map, you will see Texas is in the south, Kansas is in the middle. In most parts of America, students need only 4 years of study to get a teacher license, but it requires 5 years of learning and training for a student to get a teaching license. Anyone who moves to CA should complete one more year of learning before he can be officially recognized and qualified as a teacher. In LA alone, about 10,000 teachers are urgently needed.
18. If you come to CA and study here, the tuition is $12,000, but for local Americans, that could be only $5,500. The problem is that there are so many illegal immigrants from Mexico, etc, and when their children also reach the age of education, they are also eager to enjoy the same rights as local Americans. One thing is that they are poor, and the other thing is that CA needs them to provide cheap work force. One way is that some families choose to change their family name into Spanish ones and then it will do.
19. D.C means District of Columbia, which is the home to the White House but also has the worst school quality, partly because parents there say to their children there is no need to go to school after 16.
20. In America, about 18% African American ladies have more children than they can afford to provide proper education and in most cases, those ladies are single mothers with meager salaries. So the education of those kids cannot be assured because those mothers have no time to take care of their children.
21. LA enjoys a fame of high quality education therefore some other counties want to join LA and share LA’s teaching curricula and materials, even teachers.
22. Each stare across the USA is responsible for providing free education until 16.
23. Public schools are free in America and include actually three types as I think. One is magnet school which means it has good education quality and can be attractive to excellent students. Another one charter school which runs independently and decide whatever curricula or books they teach and they are given special permission. The only difference between charter school and private school is that they are still free. The last one is those normal schools scattered all around.
24. In private schools, tuitions are paid by their parents and is about $34,000 per year. Most of students from private schools are admitted to Harvard University, etc.
25. In American education system, citizen will elect some delegate to form school boards, out of which the superintendent will then be decided to be in charge of all the principals among certain district, while then principals will arrange for certain teachers to teach. When teachers are not satisfied with their job, they can openly complain about it or even go on a strike with the support from Labor Union. When parents are not satisfied, they can complain to school boards because they are selected by common people. While principals mainly do the service work.
26. On-line research [www.lbschools.net/schools/finder.cfm](http://www.lbschools.net/schools/finder.cfm) Poly school is one of the best schools in Long Beach, but the scores are also relatively poor compared with its counterpart in China. Students who are really excellent can choose to select AP classes(advanced placement) therefore they would get some credits when they go to universities. <https://lroix.lbschools.net/Public/ShowReportViewer?reportName=%2fPublic%2fLCAP_Report&schoolYear=2017&cdsCode=1936947>
27. For the rest content, please refer to the PPT.
28. To be continued…

Day 2 下午

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1. 美国教育重视两个需求：学术需求和精神需求，精神需求主要是通过sports来满足的。（也有部分学者对过度重视体育而轻视学术提出质疑，尤其在中小学阶段，把这种现象称为“反智”）
2. 老师推荐书目《how people learn》the 2nd edition，这部书暂时还没有中文翻译版。
3. 自由讨论：
4. 美国没有职称评定一说，因为这样会涉及不公平，按教书年龄来划分相对更加公平。
5. 美国没有教研员一个任职，原因相同。
6. 精英教育是相互之间的竞争，所以更加激烈，而大众教育只是达标教育。
7. 老师介绍了一个很好地网站：teaching with movies 这个网站上有各种教学电影，关键的是还在后面附有如何使用这个电影来教学的方法。http://www.teachwithmovies.org/
8. 对于英语学习，孩子如果在四年级之前有自然输入那是最好的；其次就是大量的英语有意输入，比如说每天至少看三部HBO，如果一个人不能度过所谓的struggling 阶段，大约在5-10年级，也就是如果过了10年级还不能达到非常流畅的程度的话，学生的英语水平只能维持在一个long term English learner这种状态了。绝对部分中国学生以及像我们这样的老师估计也就是这样一个水平。
9. 最后通过the flash mind reader这个游戏给我们启示5E教学法。Engagement, Exploration, Expanding, Explanation, Evaluation.
10. 更多信息，请参见PPT