

CHINESE CULTURE AS AN AMERICAN AND WORLD HERITAGE

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Why Chinese Language and Culture Studies benefit All of US?

- China is a major part of our world
- Chinese communities contribute to American life
- Chinese people play major roles in American institutions

Mainstreaming China in *My Education*

- China's revolutions and Ernest Bramah's Kai Lung stories (family)
- Lin Yu Tang (High School)
- Chinese friends (Army)
- Chinese language (Texas and Cornell)

Great traditions began with....

- ❖ **Hindu:** *Come, Agni, praised with song, to feast and sacrificial offering, ...*
- ❖ **Judeo-Christian-Islam:** *In the beginning God...*
- ❖ **Confucian:** *學而時習之，不亦說乎？*
To learn then to use what you have learned at the opportune time. Is this not pleasure?

Remarkable Confucian precepts

- ❖ 学/學 study/working at learning
吾尝终日不食，终夜不寝，
以思，无益，不如学也。
- ❖ 习 / 習 put into practice
性相近也，习相远也。

Remarkable Confucian precepts II

❖ 时 / 時 timeliness

不时不食

❖ 悦 / 说 / 乐 pleasure

闻乐不乐

The basis of a humanistic language pedagogy

學而時習之不亦說乎

有朋自遠方來不亦樂乎

人不知而不愠不亦君子乎

Modern Learning Cycle

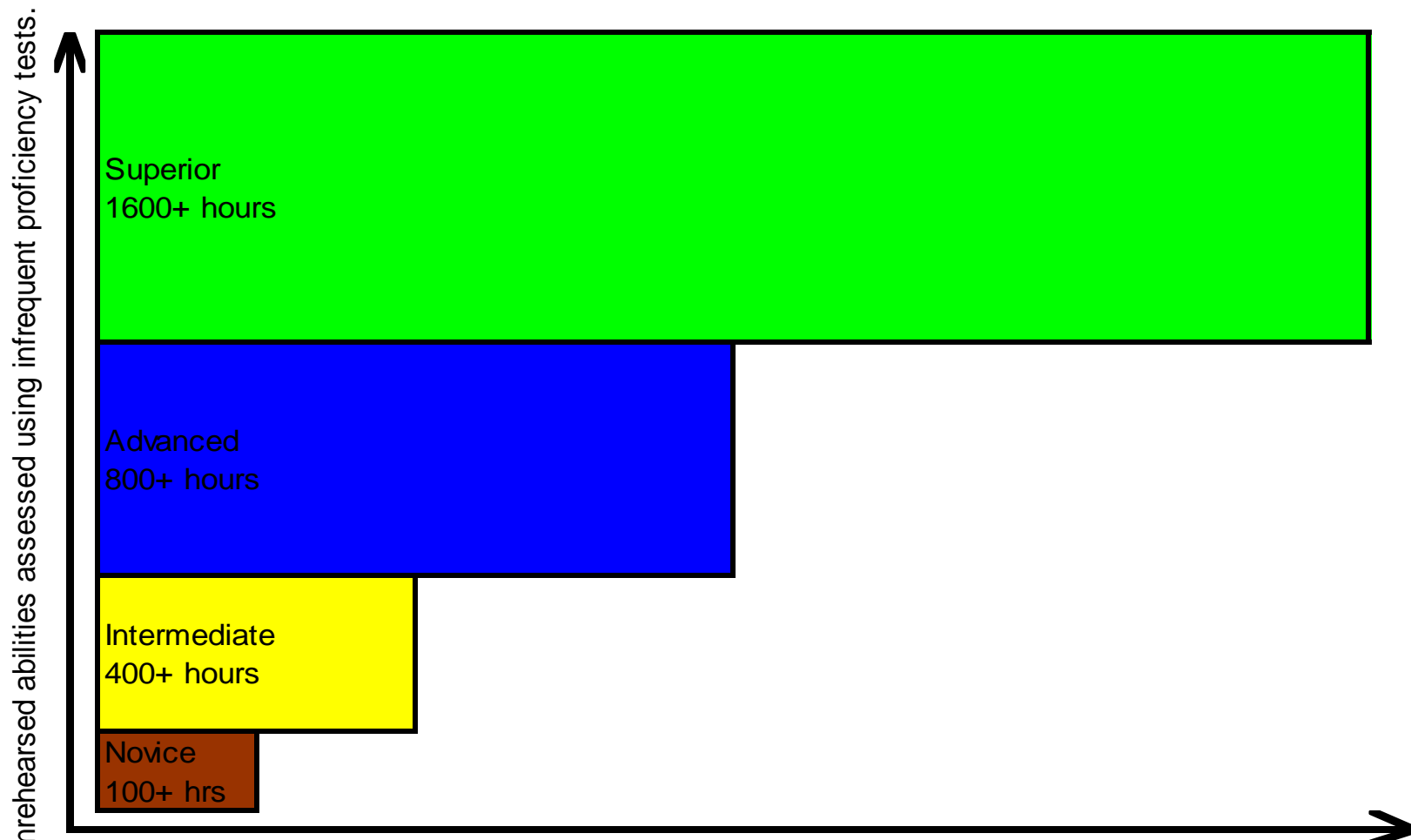
- Concrete experience
- Integration with prior knowledge
- Hypothesizing and story construction
- Sensorimotor verification

PERFORMED CULTURE

- Consider ***Culture*** to be the basic knowledge

- Consider ***Performance*** to be the basic demonstration of that knowledge

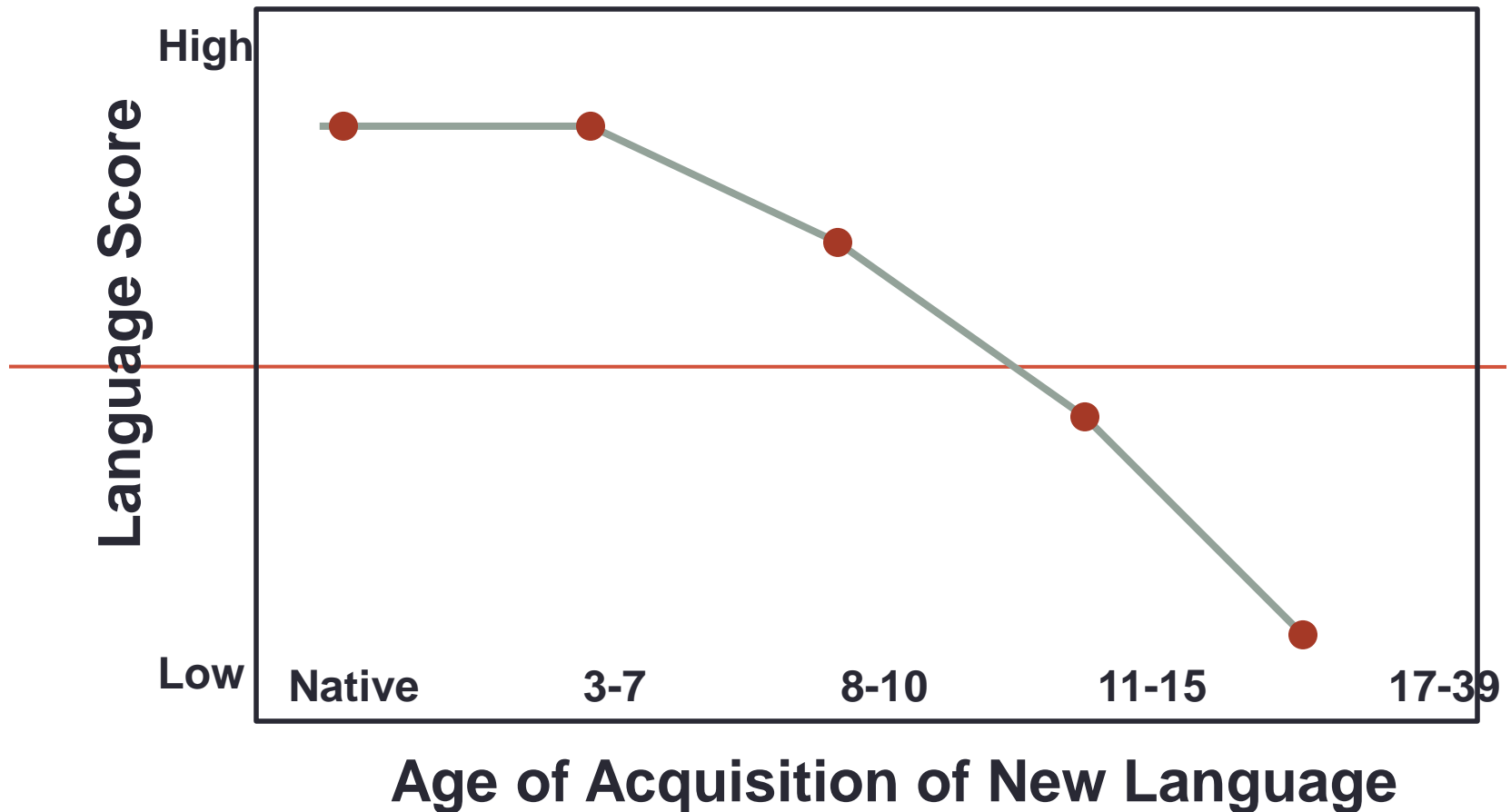
Testing Second Language Skills



Incremental skill development moving from achievement to rehearsed performance and building a foundation for increased proficiency by using purposefully designed curricula to:

- 1. Learn relevant topical content.
- 2. Master level-appropriate communication tasks.
- 3. Document progress using ability profiles, test results, portfolios, etc.

Language Exhibits a 'Critical Period'



Patricia Kuhl: The linguistic genius of babies. (TED)

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Total K-12 Chinese: Ohio</u>
2003-04	467
2004-05	492
2005-06	492
2006-07	777
2007-08	2,272
2008-09	4,928
2009-10	8,297
2010-11	9,732
2011-12	25, 849

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