

1. Brainstorming: what's a teardrop of love?

Clue 1	Taj Mahal → a name?
Clue 2	Teardrop → referring to the shape of a tear or sadness?
Clue 3	Love → referring to a sad story?

2. How to make your topic unique

With writers unique descriptions, places and times become **magical** and **full of imagination**.

Regular Example: Taipei 101: the tallest building in Taiwan.

Teacher's Example: Taipei 101: the giant shining cake in the sky.

My own line:



3. Essay Structure

- (1) General introduction of Taj Mahal
 - (2) Taj Mahal's historical background information
 - (3) Its beauty in the eyes of literary masters
 - (4) Detail depictions of Taj Mahal's perfection
 - (5) Conclusion of Taj Mahal's effect and future
- Today's Focus

Leave them to next time

4. Line by line interpretation and appreciation

There are a million ways to express deep affection for our loved ones. (1) To Shah Jahan, a Mogul (2) of India, building an incomparable (3) mausoleum (4) was how he memorized his love. Finished (5) more than three hundred years ago, this tomb remains (6) one of the most impressive (7) and glorious (8) wonders of the world to date. (9) It is known as (10) the Taj Mahal.

- (1) Please name (list) 3 ways you use to express affection for your love ones.

- (2) Define Mogul: _____
- (3) Incomparable 的相關詞 _____
- (4) mausoleum [ˌmɔːsəˈliəm], mausoleum's synonyms are _____
- (5) Why use the word "finished" instead of "constructed?" _____
- (6) Remain (v.). The differences between "remain" and "retain": _____
- (7) Impressive 的相關詞 _____
- (8) Glorious 的相關詞 _____
- (9) To date 意指 _____ synonyms: _____
- (10) Known as: _____ ; known for: _____ (She is known for her beauty.)

Lesson 7: The Taj Mahal: A Teardrop of Love

In fact, behind (11) this grand structure is a touching story. Legend has it that (12) Shah Jahan had numerous (13) wives. Among (14) them, Mumtaz Mahal was his favorite. He felt extremely (15) depressed (16) after she passed away (17) while giving birth. (18) Therefore, he recruited (19) twenty-thousand workers to construct a mausoleum in memory of (20) her. Building materials and valuable treasures were brought in from every part of the world. The emperor was particular about (21) every detail, so it took twenty-two years to complete the construction. Before long, however, the emperor was usurped (22) by his own son and imprisoned (23) in the Agra Fort on the other bank of the River Yamuna. From across the river, he gazed day and night (24) at this masterpiece (25) built for the love of his life until he finally died.

(11) Behind (prep.) _____
 Behind (adv.) _____
 Behind (n.) _____

(12) legend has it that: _____。同句型，另有: _____
 Legend 相關的字: _____

(13) numerous 意指許多，另有同義詞如 _____
 與 Numerous 相關的字: _____

GUESS: What does "numerology" mean? _____

(14) Among 意指 _____；between _____

(15) extremely 意指 _____，另有同義詞: _____
 字源: _____

(16) depressed (a.) 易指 _____，另有 _____

(17) passed away 意指 _____；另有其他說法: _____

(18) give birth to sb 意指 _____

(19) recruit [ri'krut] 意指 _____ EX: In Pu Tai, some teachers are recruited from abroad.

(20) in memory of 意指 _____

Q: What's the difference between "in memory of" and "in honor of?" _____

(21) particular about 意指 _____

(22) usurped [jʊ'zəp] 意指 _____

(23) imprisoned 意指 _____，同義詞 _____ 另有 _____ (life imprisonment)

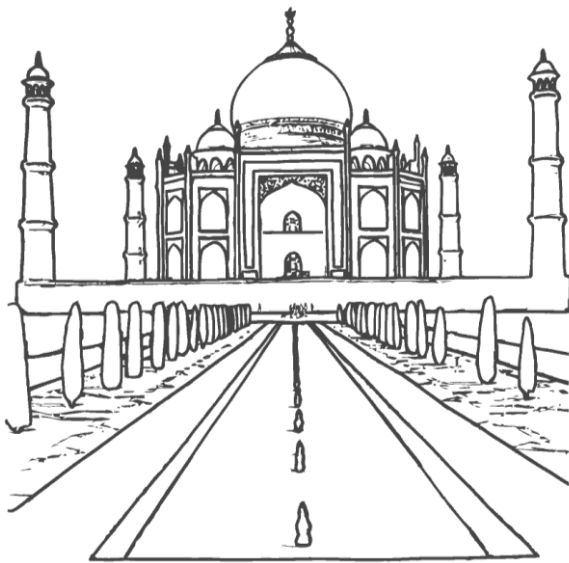
(24) day and night 意指 _____

(25) masterpiece 意指 _____

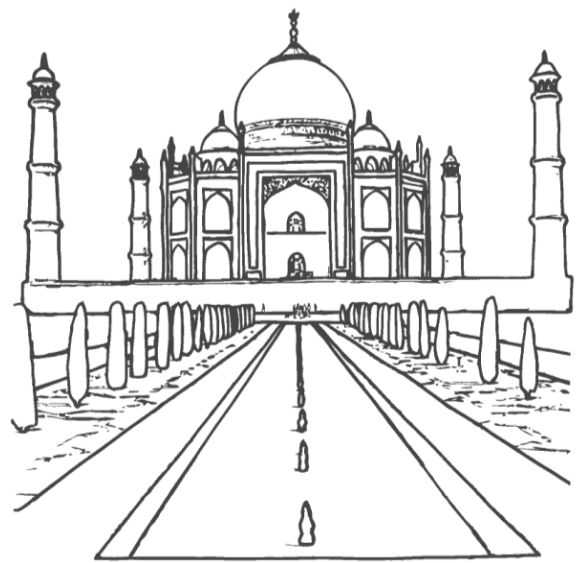
5. Homework: Make Taj Mahal colorful and magical!

In the text book, it says “The **magic lies in** its white marble dome, which reflects the sunlight and the moonlight.” Preview paragraph 3-6, and color the pictures below **according to the descriptions above it**. You can use whichever coloring materials you can get. **Be creative!**

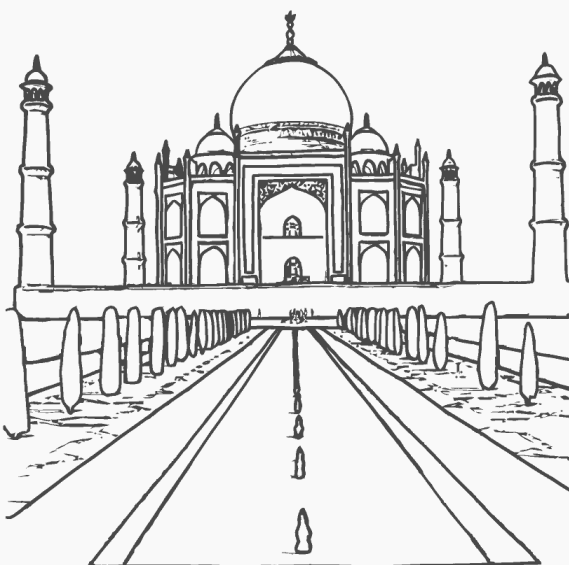
Bathed in the light of the setting sun, it carries a **glimmer of gold**.



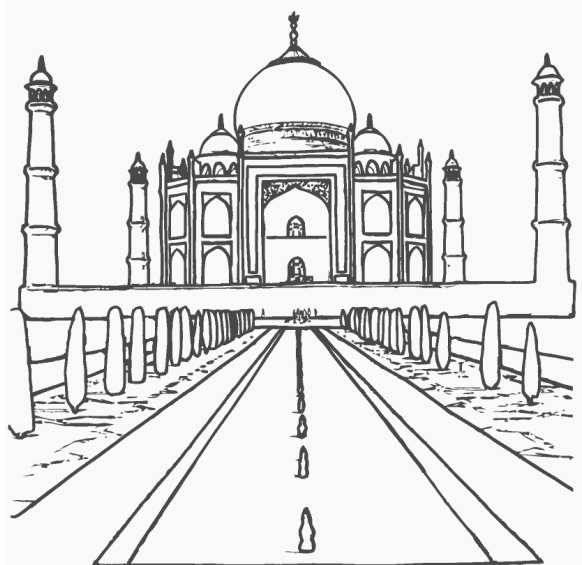
Under the **moonlight**, it shines brightly when the precious stones **reflect the moonlight** spilling upon the terrace.



When the sun rises, a **pink flush** appears on the white marble dome.



Its countenance is also **reflected in the waters of the River Yamuna**, which sits right in front of it, with **sunlight and clouds** adoring it each day.



Congratulations! You have added colors and life to Taj Mahal, which will always remain beautiful and unique in your memory. Show your masterpiece to your family and friends!

