

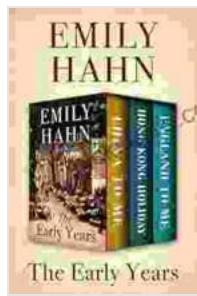
# **China to Me: Hong Kong Holiday and England to Me: My Impressions of Two Contrasting Societies**

In the summer of 2019, I had the opportunity to travel to two very different countries: China and England. My experiences in these two countries were vastly different, and they gave me a unique perspective on the world. My trip to China and England also provided me with a unique opportunity to investigate a research question regarding the relationship between culture and social development, particularly as it pertains to the role of individualism and collectivism in shaping a society's values, norms, and behaviors.

## **China**

I spent a week in Hong Kong, a special administrative region of China. Hong Kong is a bustling metropolis with a population of over 7 million people. The city is a major financial center and a popular tourist destination. I was immediately struck by the city's energy and vibrancy. The people of Hong Kong are very friendly and welcoming, and I felt safe walking around the city.

## **The Early Years: China to Me, Hong Kong Holiday, and England to Me** by Paul Johnson



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One of the things that I found most interesting about Hong Kong was the mix of Chinese and Western culture. The city is a melting pot of different cultures, and this is reflected in its architecture, food, and people. I visited the Temple Street Night Market, which is a popular tourist destination. The market is full of stalls selling everything from souvenirs to food. I also visited the Victoria Peak, which offers stunning views of the city. It is one of the most famous landmarks of Hong Kong and is considered an iconic place to visit. At night, I viewed the Symphony of Lights, a nightly light show that takes place on the Victoria Harbour. Recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's largest permanent light and sound show, the Symphony of Lights is a must-see for any visitor to Hong Kong.

I also took a day trip to Macau, a former Portuguese colony that is now a special administrative region of China. Macau is a popular gambling destination, and it is home to some of the world's largest casinos. I visited the Ruins of St. Paul's, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ruins are the remains of a 16th-century church that was destroyed by a fire in 1835. I also visited the Senado Square, which is a popular tourist destination. The square is lined with shops and restaurants, and it is a great place to people-watch.

## **England**

After my trip to China, I spent a week in England. I visited London, the capital of England, and Oxford, a university town. London is a historic city

with a population of over 8 million people. The city is home to many iconic landmarks, such as Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, and the Tower of London. I visited the British Museum, which is one of the world's largest museums. The museum has a vast collection of artifacts from all over the world. I also visited the Tower of London, which is a historic castle that has been used as a royal palace, a prison, and a place of execution.

I also took a day trip to Oxford, which is a beautiful city with a population of over 150,000 people. Oxford is home to the University of Oxford, one of the world's most prestigious universities. I visited the Bodleian Library, which is one of the oldest and largest libraries in the world. I also visited the Christ Church College, which is one of the most famous colleges in Oxford. The college is known for its beautiful architecture and its association with famous alumni, such as Lewis Carroll and Albert Einstein.

## **Contrasting Societies**

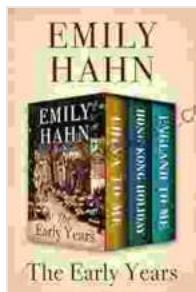
My experiences in China and England were vastly different. China is a collectivist society, while England is an individualistic society. This difference in culture is reflected in many aspects of life, such as the way people interact with each other, the way they work, and the way they raise their children.

In a collectivist society, the needs of the group are more important than the needs of the individual. People are expected to conform to the norms of the group, and they are not encouraged to express their individuality. In an individualistic society, the needs of the individual are more important than the needs of the group. People are encouraged to express their individuality, and they are not expected to conform to the norms of the group.

I found that the people of China were very friendly and welcoming. They were always willing to help me, and they were always happy to give me directions. I also found that the people of China were very family-oriented. They placed a great deal of importance on family relationships, and they were always willing to help their family members.

I found that the people of England were more reserved and less friendly. They were not as willing to help me, and they were not as happy to give me directions. I also found that the people of England were more individualistic. They placed a great deal of importance on their own personal goals, and they were not as willing to help others.

My experiences in China and England gave me a unique perspective on the world. The cultural diversity of our planet, and the unique cultures that exist, fascinate me. I am grateful for the opportunity to have experienced two such different cultures, and I am eager to learn more about the world's diverse cultures.



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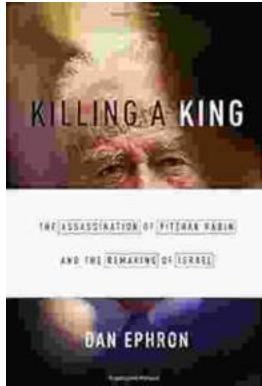
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