

The individual's search for identity: sample related text activities

Sample activity 1

Read the following text, then answer the questions that follow in English.

亲爱的爸、妈：

你们好！我来美国已快一个月了。真对不起，让你们那么伤心，失望。我只身来到美国，学习的科目是你们一点也不喜欢的音乐。可是，我喜欢音乐，真的。

我现在的老师是国际著名的钢琴家。在他的教导下，我的琴技进步了很多，而且我还有机会接触到很多在音乐上造诣极深的导师。他们给了我很大的支持和鼓励。爸妈，你们难道不为我有这样的环境和机会而感到高兴吗？

对不起，我当不了医生，无法让你们“美梦成真”，更不能为你们，为自己挣很多钱。但请相信我，既然我选择了音乐，我就会尽自己的能力当一名成功和快乐的音乐家。

祝

安好

儿子

家强

敬上

Question 1

How did Jiaqiang's parents feel when he left them to pursue his interests?

Question 2

What is his education like in the USA?

Question 3

Why don't Jiaqiang's parents want him to study music?

Question 4

Why did Jiaqing apologise to his parents?

Answer the following question in Chinese (approximately 200 characters)

Question 5

Imagine you are Jiaqiang's parents. Write a letter in Chinese to Jiaqiang in response to his letter.