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Words

主人公
zhǔréngōng hero (of a novel or film) / main protagonist

> 主人公最后去哪儿了？
> Zhǔréngōng zuìhòu qù nǎr le?
> Where did the main character end up in the end?

意境
yìjìng artistic mood or conception / creative concept

意象
yìxiàng image / imagery

抒情
shūqíng to express emotion / lyric

> 诗人常借风景抒情。
> Shīrén cháng jiè fēngjǐng shūqíng.
> Poets often use scenery to express their emotions.

对仗 對仗
duìzhàng antithesis (two lines of poetry matching in sense and sound) / to fight / to wage war

唐诗 唐詩
tángshī Tang poetry / a Tang poem

> 外国学生也对唐诗很感兴趣。
> Wàiguó xuésheng yě duì Tángshī hěn gǎnxìngqù.
> Foreign students are also very interested in Tang poetry.

李白
lǐbái Li Bai (701-762), famous Tang Dynasty poet

> 李白写过很多关于月亮的诗。
> Lǐ Bái xiěguo hěn duō guānyú yuèliang de shī.
> Li Bai wrote many poems about the moon.

杜甫
dùfǔ Du Fu (712-770), great Tang dynasty poet

> 成都有一座纪念杜甫的草堂。
> Chéngdū yǒu yí zuò jìniàn Dù Fǔ de cǎotáng.
> In Chengdu there is a thatched cottage in memory of Du Fu.

鲁迅 魯迅
lǔxùn Lu Xun (1881-1936), one of the earliest and best-known modern Chinese writers

> 图书馆里有一整排鲁迅的书。
> Túshūguǎn lǐ yǒu yì zhěng pái Lǔ Xùn de shū.
> There is a whole row of Lu Xun's books in the library.

寓意
yùyì moral (of a story) / lesson to be learned / implication / message / import / metaphorical meaning

> 龙在中国文化里寓意吉祥。
> Lóng zài Zhōngguó wénhuà lǐ yùyì jíxiáng.
> In Chinese culture, the dragon symbolizes good fortune.

修辞 修辭
xiūcí rhetoric

> 比喻是最常见的一种修辞。
> Bǐyù shì zuì chángjiàn de yìzhǒng xiūcí.
> Metaphor is the most common kind of figure of speech.

短篇小说 短篇小說
duǎnpiānxiǎoshuō short story

> 睡觉前，她喜欢读一篇短篇小说。
> Shuìjiào qián, tā xǐhuan dú yìpiān duǎnpiānxiǎoshuō.
> Before bed, she likes to read a short story.

长篇小说 長篇小說
chángpiānxiǎoshuō novel / full-length novel

> 他正在写一部长篇小说。
> Tā zhèngzài xiě yíbù chángpiānxiǎoshuō.
> He is writing a novel.

红楼梦 紅樓夢
hónglóumèng A Dream of Red Mansions (first completed edition 1791) by Cao Xueqin 曹雪芹[Cao2 Xue3 qin2], one of the four great novels

> 我奶奶特别爱看红楼梦。
> Wǒ nǎinai tèbié ài kàn Hónglóumèng.
> My grandmother loves reading Dream of the Red Chamber.

西游记 西遊記
xīyóujì "Journey to the West", a Ming dynasty novel by Wu Cheng'en 吳承恩|吴承恩[Wu2 Cheng2 en1], one of the Four Great Classical Novels of Chinese literature, also known as "Pilgrimage to the West" or "Monkey"

> 我小时候天天看西游记。
> Wǒ xiǎoshíhou tiāntiān kàn xīyóujì.
> When I was little, I watched Journey to the West every day.

典故
diǎngù classical story or quote from the literature / the story behind sth

名著
míngzhù masterpiece

> 你读过哪些中国名著?
> Nǐ dúguo nǎxiē Zhōngguó míngzhù?
> Which Chinese literary classics have you read?

文采
wéncǎi literary talent / literary grace / rich and bright colors

> 这封信写得很有文采。
> Zhè fēng xìn xiě de hěn yǒu wéncǎi.
> This letter is written with great elegance.

鉴赏 鑑賞
jiànshǎng to appreciate (as a connoisseur)

> 他很有鉴赏古董的眼光。
> Tā hěn yǒu jiànshǎng gǔdǒng de yǎnguāng.
> He has an eye for antiques.

赋 賦
fù to bestow on / taxation / to endow with / poetic essay

传奇 傳奇
chuánqí legendary / fantasy saga / romance / short stories of the Tang and Song Dynasty

> 这位老人的经历很传奇。
> Zhèwèi lǎorén de jīnglì hěn chuánqí.
> This old man's life story is quite legendary.

文人
wénrén cultivated individual / scholar / literati

> 那位文人喜欢写字画画。
> Nà wèi wénrén xǐhuan xiězì huàhuà.
> That scholar likes calligraphy and painting.

专著 專著
zhuānzhù monograph / specialized text

> 他花了五年写这本专著。
> Tā huāle wǔ nián xiě zhè běn zhuānzhù.
> He spent five years writing this monograph.

传记 傳記
zhuànjì biography

> 你读过他的传记吗?
> Nǐ dúguo tā de zhuànjì ma?
> Have you read his biography?

体裁 體裁
tǐcái genre / style / form of writing

> 你最喜欢哪一种文学体裁?
> Nǐ zuì xǐhuan nǎ yìzhǒng wénxué tǐcái?
> Which literary genre do you like best?

含蓄
hánxù to contain / to hold / reserved / restrained / full of hidden meaning / implicit / veiled (criticism)

> 她说话很含蓄。
> Tā shuōhuà hěn hánxù.
> She is very reserved in how she speaks.

寓言
yùyán fable / allegory / parable

> 这则寓言告诉孩子要诚实。
> Zhè zé yùyán gàosu háizi yào chéngshí.
> This fable teaches children to be honest.

回忆录 回憶錄
huíyìlù memoir

> 你看过那位老演员的回忆录吗?
> Nǐ kànguo nà wèi lǎo yǎnyuán de huíyìlù ma?
> Have you read that old actor's memoir?

朗诵 朗誦
lǎngsòng to read aloud with expression / to recite / to declaim

> 他站在台上大声朗诵。
> Tā zhàn zài táishàng dàshēng lǎngsòng.
> He stood on the stage and declaimed loudly.