



Module 5

Lao She Teahouse

Unit 2

It describes the changes in Chinese society.





老舍

Lao She
(1899—1966)

born in Beijing

**went to a Teacher's
School to learn to teach**

**1924-1929: taught Chinese
at a college in London**

write many plays in his life

his most famous work:

Teahouse

**one of the greatest Chinese
writers of the 20th century**

1 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions

1. *What do you know about Lao She?*

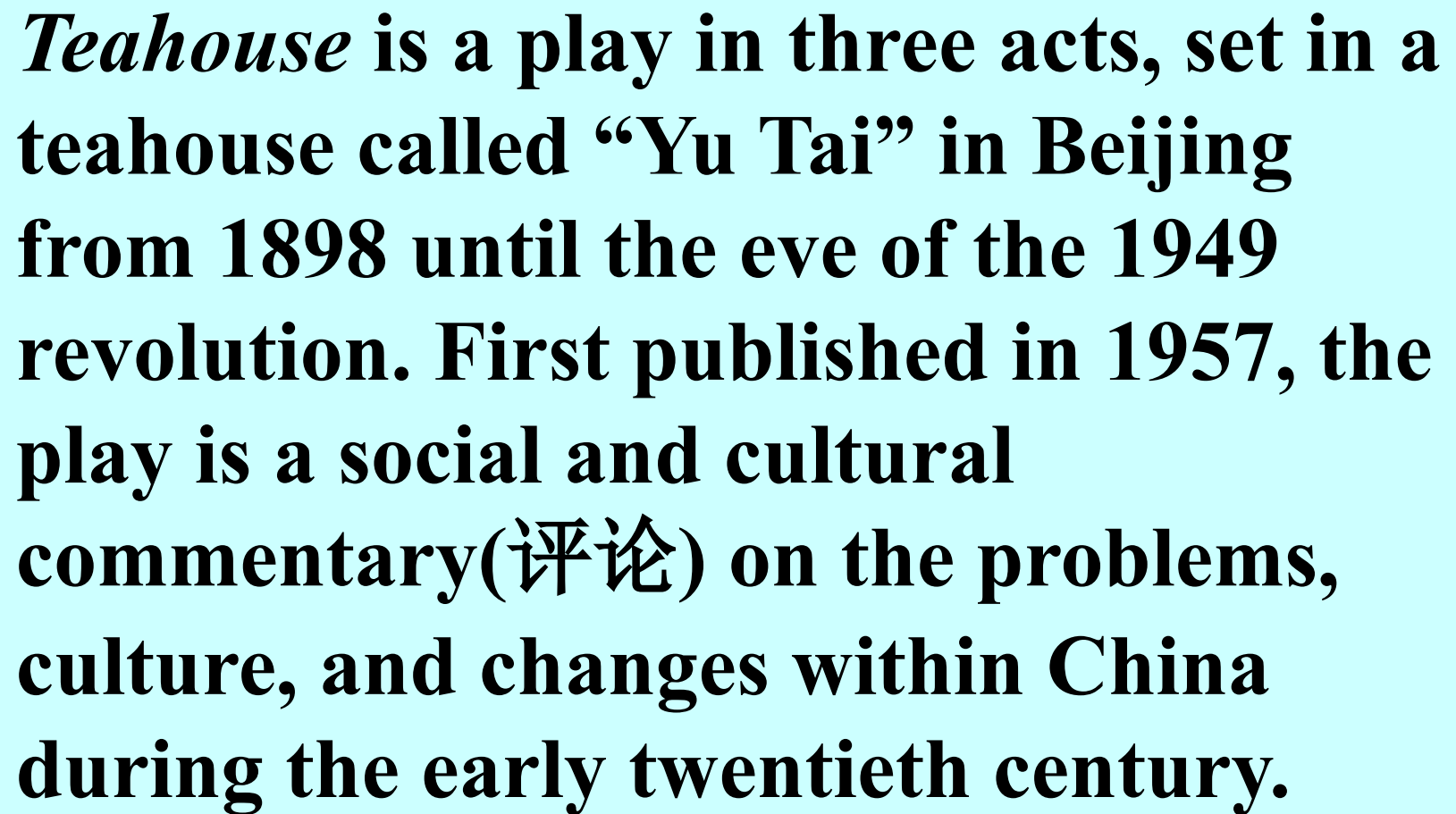

He is a great writer in China.

2. *What are his most famous books and plays?*

Rickshaw Boy(《骆驼祥子》) and Teahouse.

3. *What's special about Lao She's teahouse?*

You can enjoy Beijing opera, traditional music or magic shows there.



***Teahouse* is a play in three acts, set in a teahouse called “Yu Tai” in Beijing from 1898 until the eve of the 1949 revolution. First published in 1957, the play is a social and cultural commentary(评论) on the problems, culture, and changes within China during the early twentieth century.**

2 Read the passage and match the headings with the paragraphs.



a) Lao She Teahouse

b) The story of *Teahouse*

c) Lao She

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Task 1

Read Passage 1 about **the play** *Teahouse* and answer the following **questions**. *Lao She* write *Teahouse*?

He wrote *Teahouse* in 1957.

2. *When does the story take place?*

It takes place from the end of 19th century to the middle of the 20th century.

3. *What is the story's main idea?*

It describes the changes in Chinese society over 50 years.



Task 2

Read Passage 2 about Lao She's lifetime and then complete the timeline.





Lao She

1957

wrote *Teahouse*

1924

left home and went to England

1918

**finished school and became the
head teacher of a primary school**

1913

went to a teacher's school

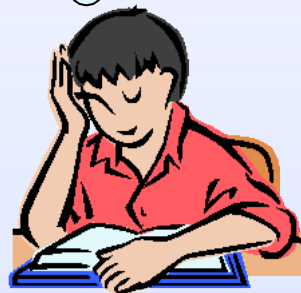
1899

born in Beijing



Task 3

Read Passage 3 about **Lao She
Teahouse and try to retell it with the
help of the key words.**



at Lao She Teahouse

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enjoy the
Beijing Opera,
traditional
music or magic
shows

give a warm welcome to everyone



Language points

1. *Teahouse* is **one of** Lao She's most famous plays.

《茶馆》是老舍最著名的剧作之一。

one of + 名词复数，表“.....中的一个”。还可以在名词复数前加最高级，即：

one of + 形容词最高级 + 名词复数

One of us must go.
我们之中要走一个人。

Physics is **one of the most difficult subjects**.
物理是最难的学科之一。



Practise

Mr. Wang is like a bee. He is one of *the busiest* (busy) teachers in our school.

2. The play has three acts and shows the lives of common people in China from the end of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth century.

这部剧作有三幕，展示了中国普通百姓十九世纪末到二十世纪中期的生活。

century *n.* 世纪，常用表达：

XX世纪 **the XXth century**

XX世纪初 **at the beginning of the -th century**

XX世纪中叶 **in the middle of the -th century**

XX世纪末 **at the end of the -th century**

世纪之交 **at the turn of the century**




3. ... **was named** “the People’s Artist”,...

(他) 被誉为“人民艺术家”。

name在这里是**动词**，表示“**命名**”；
name作动词还可以表示“**任命**”。例如：

Wang Bo was named as captain of our football team.

王波被任命为我们足球队的队长。



4. **If** you like the Beijing Opera, traditional music or magic shows, you can enjoy them at the teahouse.

如果你喜欢京剧、传统音乐或魔术，你都能去老舍茶馆欣赏表演。

if为连词，意为“**如果**”，引导**条件状语从句**。在复合句中，如果**主句**使用**将来时**，则**if**引导的条件状语**从句**用**一般现在时**。
如：



If it doesn't rain tomorrow, we will go to the park.

如果明天不下雨，我们将去公园。



Practise

 we don't save water, we will have no water to drink one day.

A. Where

C. Although

B. When



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