

About Names of Chinese People

In China, the surname comes first, and is followed by the given name, and the latter has its own traditions and features. It can have one or two characters. In the same clan, the given name is arranged in the order of seniority in the family hierarchy.

The names of the ancient men were more complicated than those of the modern people. Chinese names usually have a certain meaning, expressing some kind of wish. Some names embody the location, time or natural phenomenon when the person was born, such as Jing (Beijing), Chen (morning), Doing (winter), and Xue (snow). It is the Chinese people's wish to give their children a name which sounds good and meaningful.

Here is a list of common surnames in China:

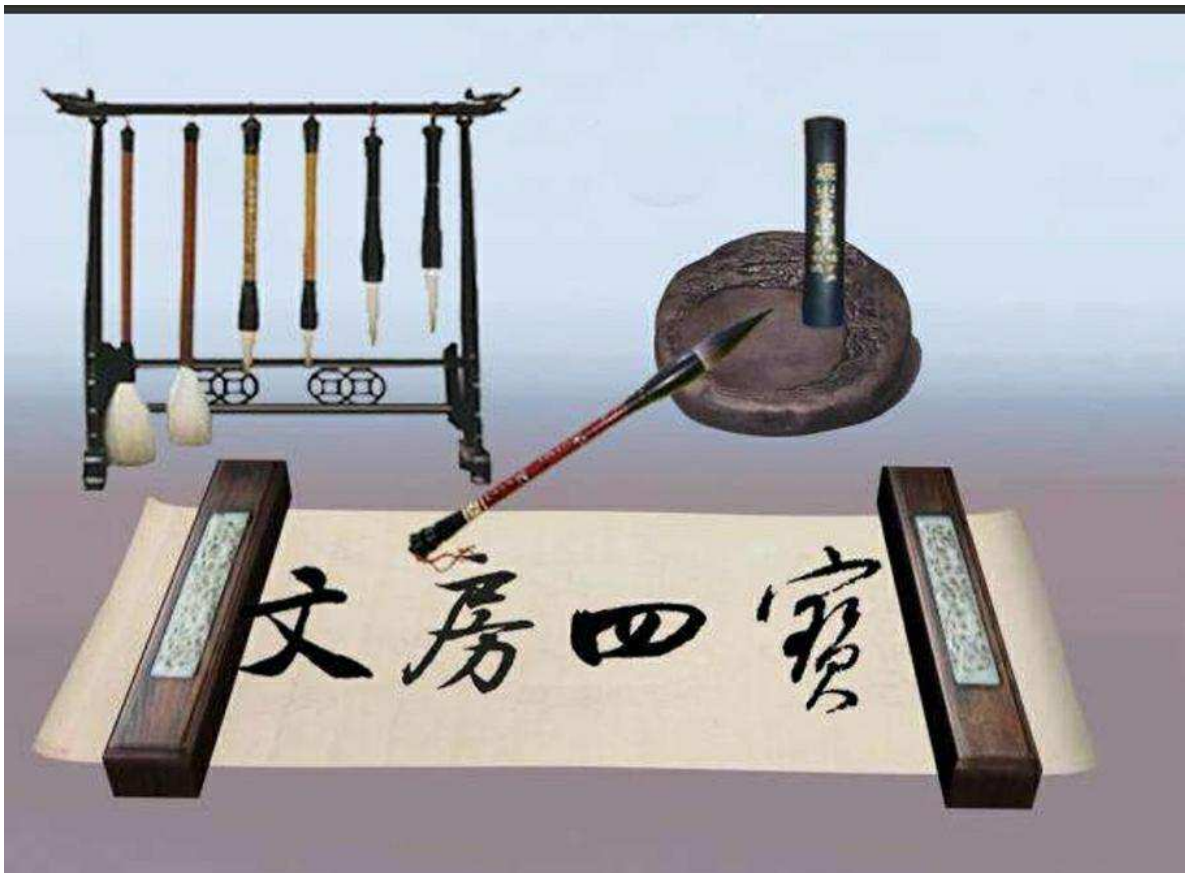
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About Chinese Calligraphy

Chinese Calligraphy is the traditional art of wiring Chinese characters. After centuries of creation and evolution, calligraphy has become a unique form of art. Chinese calligraphy are generally divided into five categories: the seal scrip (zhuan), the official script (li), the regular script (kai), the cursive hand (cao), and the running hand (xing). The seal script was the representative script of the Qin Dynasty (221 BC – 206 BC). The official script was popularly used in the Han Dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD). The regular script was the result of development of the official script. The cursive hand is a fast way of writing the regular and official script. The running hand is the script between the regular and cursive. Chinese brush, ink stick, paper and ink stone are the necessary tools and materials for writing and painting and have always been named collectively as the “Four Treasures of the Study”.



The history of Chinese Calligraphy:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_calligraphy

Watch a short video about the introduction on “The Four Treasure” of Chinese Calligraphy & Painting:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWuMe8tf_38