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The Cultivation of Cultural Awareness in Chinese CET

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ABSTRACT Cultural awareness is the foundation of communication. It becomes central when we interact with people from other cultures. Therefore, the cultivation of cultural awareness has significant worth in language teaching. College English teachers in China have recognized the importance of students' awareness of the target language's culture and of strategies for integrating the target language's cultural background and activities into English language teaching. The iceberg theory, which analyzes and interprets the visible and invisible parts of culture, provides a useful rationale for including the target language's culture into the learning experience. Moreover, the theory offers a new perspective on the value of integrating Chinese home culture into English classes to engage Chinese students more fully in the cultivation of cultural awareness.