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Coronavirus: what do we know?

人类与病毒的“斗争史”
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We present the known facts about COVID-19 and the coronavirus family, as well as how we have been battling these scary enemies throughout history.

“共同战疫”

新冠肺炎疫情爆发以来，全球各国人民纷纷行动起来，共同抗击疫情。在这场没有硝烟的战争中，我们看到了人类团结的力量，也看到了科技的力量。在这场战斗中，我们看到了人类的勇气，也看到了人类的智慧。在这场战斗中，我们看到了人类的爱心，也看到了人类的温暖。在这场战斗中，我们看到了人类的希望，也看到了人类的未来。



We won't forget

缅怀科比，致敬篮坛传奇
Join us as we celebrate the life of the late and great NBA star athlete Kobe Bryant. PAGE 7

New way to eat

今年流行吃什么样的食物?
Ugly veggies and blended burgers are among 2020's food trends. PAGE 7

When will the barber's shop open?



When will the barber's shop open?

The **cultural** things about getting the haircut



- ❖ When do you usually cut your hair?
- ❖ What is the worst time to cut your hair?



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Ancient (古代的) Chinese

Read the passage and answer:

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❖ The solar calendar

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阳历2020年2月 农历庚子(生肖猪)年丁丑月 建国71年

公历 年 月 建国71年 农历 庚子年 【鼠年】

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
						1 初八
2 世界湿地日	3 初十	4 立春	5 十二	6 十三	7 十四	8 元宵节
9 十六	10 国际气象节	11 十八	12 十九	13 二十	14 情人节	15 廿二
16 廿三	17 廿四	18 廿五	19 雨水	20 廿七	21 廿八	22 廿九
23 2月大	24 初二	25 初三	26 初四	27 初五	28 初六	29 初七

Modern Chinese use the solar calendar as people around the world do . But at the same time , they use their own lunar calendar . Each lunar year is given the name of one of these animals : the rat , the ox , the tiger , the hare , the dragon , the snake , the horse , the goat , the monkey , the chicken , the dog and the pig . This list lasts for 12 years and then starts again .Each Chinese month starts on the day of the new moon . And the full moon comes on the 15th day of the month .



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A

it is bad to cut your hair in the first month of the lunar new year because of the legend of the mother's uncle. Although people still believe in this, many people still cut their hair at this time. They call it *Head-Raising*. The second day of the first month, to go to the barber shop.

Nobody has any relatives called uncles. Or (legend) says that it started during the time of the Qin. At that time, the Manchu people forced Chinese people to cut their hair. The Manchu people refused, so the emperor decided not to force them. During the time, they were saying it was bad.



CULTURE Q&A | 文化趣问答

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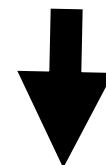


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In the first lunar month



The lunar year



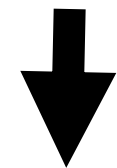
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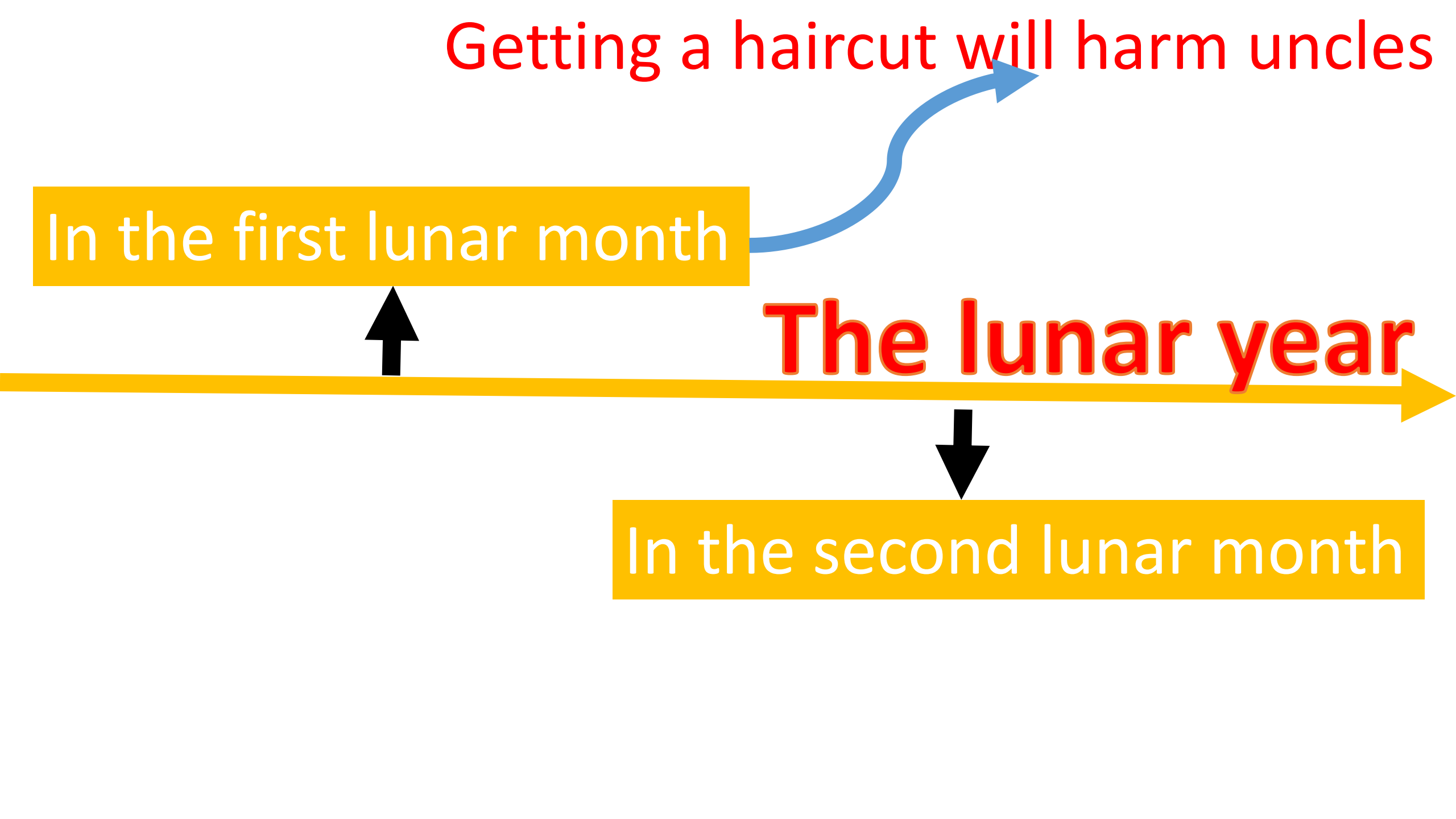
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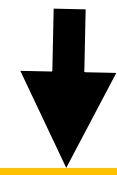


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Waiting until Dragon Head-Raising Day

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why?

year

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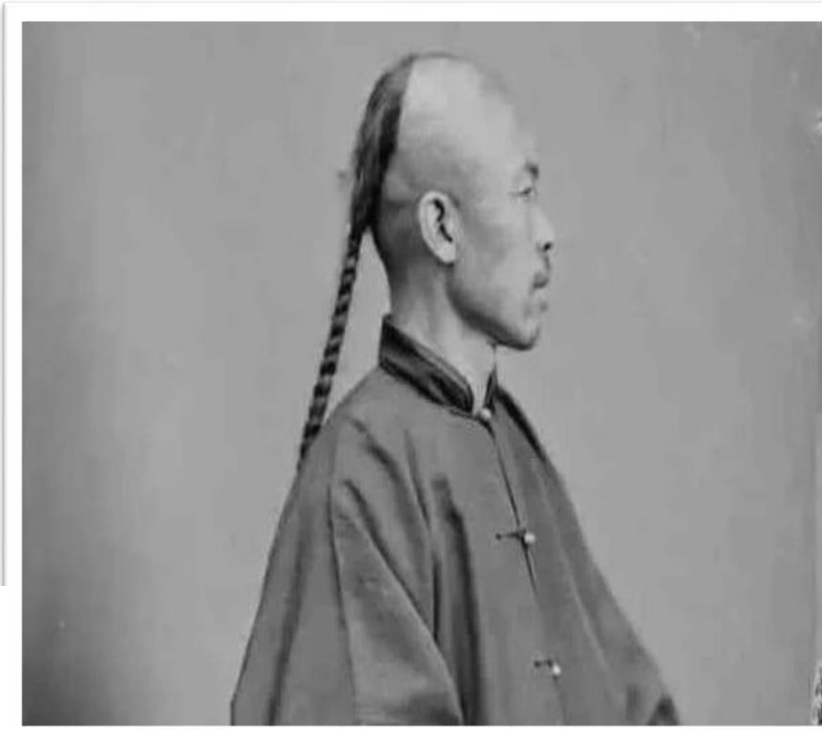
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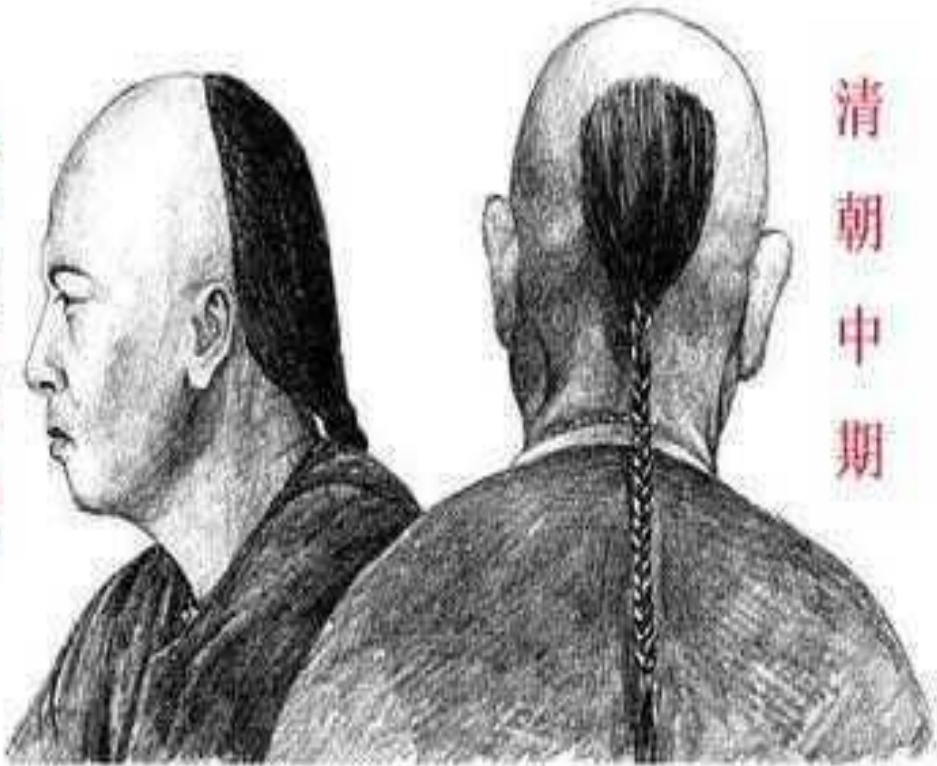
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The Qing Dynasty

New rulers: the Manchu People



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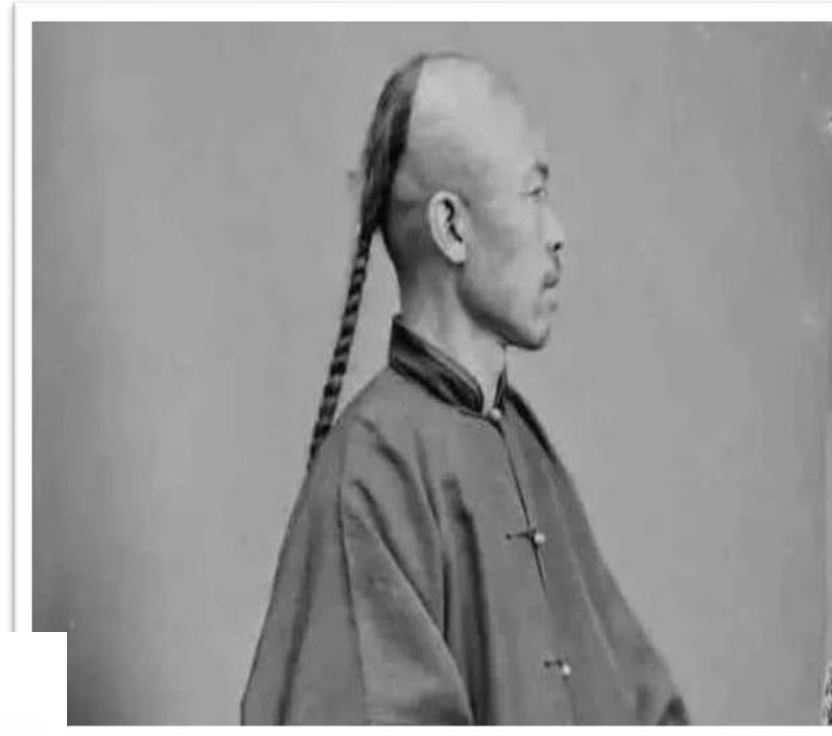


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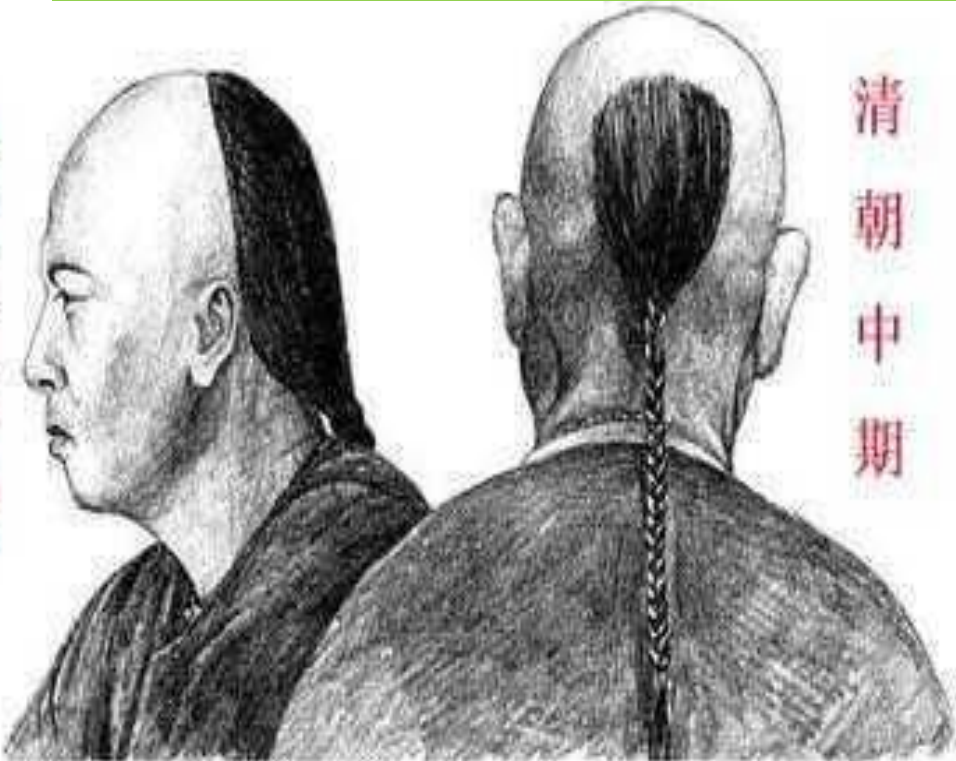
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Manchu style :

- * The hair doesn't cover eyes.
- * Manchu people admire nature.
- * Manchu people's religion belief.



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Word in use:

■ commemorate- V.

To remind people of an important person or event from the past with a special action or object

■ thus-*adv.*

As a result of something mentioned

dead uncle

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Word in use:

- cherish- v. = value-v.
- alter-v.

To become different ; to make sb./sth. different

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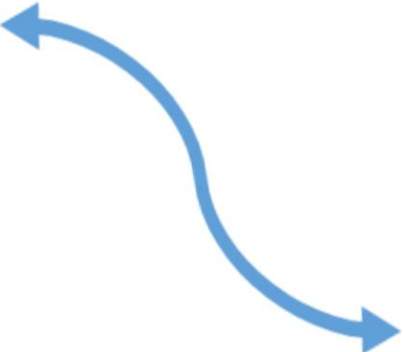
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✳ Will you get a haircut in the first lunar month?
(Please explain your reasons.)

✳ Will you follow this tradition ? Why or why not?

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Further thinking

What role does the tradition play in our daily life?

Assignments:

- * Will you believe the first lunar month is the worst time to cut your hair? Why or why not?
- * What role does the tradition play in our daily life?

Thanks for your attention!





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