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#### 内容概要

《高职高专"十二五"规划教材:英美社会与文化》课程为高职高专的学生提供了一个了解英美两国文化的平台。

《英美社会与文化》特地使用简洁易懂的语言,介绍了英美两国历史、政治、经济、生活习俗等方面的情况。

考虑到学生的兴趣所在及接受倾向,《英美社会与文化》精心筛选了美国金融危机最具时代性的内容编入教程,让学生在学习语言的同时,随时接受最新信息,了解当前世界的热点、焦点话题,融知识性、实用性和趣味性于一体。

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1) London (in England): the largest and capital city in Britain London (the largest city in Europe) is home for the headquarters of all government departments, Parliament, the major legal institutions and the monarch. It is the country's business and banking center and the center of its transport network. It contains the headquarters of the national television networks and of all the national newspapers. It is about seven times larger than any other city in the country. About one fifth of the total population of the UK lives in the Greater London area. Two well- known areas of London are the West End and the East End. The former is known for its many theatres, cinemas and expensive shops. The latter is known as the poorer residential area of central London. London is also cosmopolitan. A survey in the 1990s found that 137 different languages were spoken in the homes of just one district.

2) Birmingham (in England): the Second largest city in Britain Birmingham is Britain's second largest city. During the Industrial Revolution, Birmingham and the surrounding area of the West Midlands developed into the country's major engineering centre. Despite the decline of heavy industry in modern times, factories in this area still change iron and steel into a vast variety of goods.

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