Hu Shih ( 胡 适 ) (1891 - 1962) is one of the leaders of Literary Revolution in China. When he was young, he had already been influenced by his father who was inclined to Neo-Confucian school of thought, a philosophical school which emphasises questioning and application.

When he was in America as a scholar, his interest changed from Agriculture (at Cornell University) to Philosophy (at Columbia University) just for the sake of learning Experimentalism from John Dewey.

This Academic Exercise focuses on Hu Shih's methodology which is based on John Dewey's Experimentalism.

The Academic Exercise is divided into five chapters. Chapter one gives a brief account of Hu Shih's life, his process of learning Experimentalism and the development of his thought. Chapter two consists of two parts. They present the background which gives rise to Hu Shih's methodology. Part one examines the traditional thought he obtained when young. Part two explains how western thought inspires his methodology in the latter part of his life. Chapter three also has two parts. Part one elaborates how Hu Shih puts together Agnostism and Experimentalism. Part two describes the characteristic and content of his methodology. Chapter four explains how Hu Shih practises his methodology in his own personal way. Chapter five demonstrates the influences and limitations of this methodology. The Final chapter concludes with a critical evaluation of Hu Shih's methodology.