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Books

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China/Chinese Language


Written by teachers for teachers and students, *China in the World* serves as a perfect companion to standard world history texts and courses in world literature. It is also ideal for courses on East Asian studies, the history of China, or Chinese language and culture at the high school and college level. The emphasis on document analysis makes it an especially valuable resource for AP* or IB® courses. Includes CD-ROM. More info...


What could be a more enjoyable way to learn about a different culture and language than through familiar nursery rhymes and songs? In *Chinese and English Nursery Rhymes*, favorite rhymes are put in pairs—one in Chinese and the next in English—to show how the things that kids love are the same, no matter where in the world they live. In English and simplified Chinese with *pinyin*. Includes an audio CD. More info...


In *Strive for a 5*, eight full-length practice tests simulate the AP Chinese Language and Culture exam. Tests are organized by theme—Customs, Daily Life, Economics, Education, Entertainment, Family, Geography and Mixed Theme—so teachers may use any unit from this workbook to supplement the cultural theme that they are teaching. This book contains everything needed to prepare for the exam, as well as intense practice covering all major themes that are generally taught in the AP Chinese course. More info...

Japan/Japanese Language


The first book to give the reader everything needed to delve into all aspects of haiku. The authors present haiku poets writing in English, Spanish, French, German, and other languages on an equal footing with Japanese poets. The 25th Anniversary edition features a new foreword by the poet, translator, and author Jane Reichhold. More info...

*Japan the Land* covers every aspect of Japan’s geography and history, and includes contemporary photos and information about its modern industry. *Japan the Culture* depicts fascinating aspects of Japanese culture such as theater, festivals, and fine arts, with vibrant photographs and concise text. *Japan the People* includes updated information on the distinctive blend of traditional and modern ways of life in Japan, and covers such topics as leisure activities, karaoke, and family. More info...


Includes 20 practice tests in the format of the AP exam, along with answer keys. The authors also provide helpful study skills and test-taking tips based on their own successful AP classes. Includes free access to audio materials and kanji flash cards. This full edition has been updated to match changes that the College Board made to question formats on the 2009 AP Japanese exam. This edition includes more practice questions for every section of the exam, as well as new, expanded cultural notes for 20 topics. The practice tests cover all official AP topics and themes. More info...

**Korea/Korean Language**


A concise, fact-packed, and richly illustrated book, this piece focuses on the traditional musical instruments and dance forms of the Korean court. Scores of photographs of musical instruments—everything from A-chaing to Young-koare accompanied by meticulous descriptions of their use and sound. Readers from a neophyte level, to those interested in learning how to better play the instruments, will be rewarded by this one-of-a-kind guide. More info...


*Kimchi*, a popular Korean food for millennia, symbolizes Korean ethnic identity and its endurance, while *IT* (information technology) epitomizes the ongoing Korean cultural transformation in our new global era. Written in English, this book delineates Korea old and new—Korea's enduring tradition and recent transformation. More info...

**East Asia and Southeast Asia**


*Another Kind of Paradise* presents 21 contemporary short stories that delve into the contending passions, beauties, and contradictions of contemporary life throughout the East and Southeast Asian region—now more commonly known as the Asia-Pacific. This wide-ranging anthology of fiction in English features writers at the top of their craft in Japan, China, Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, Bangladesh, and all over the continent. More info...
Instructional Materials

*The acronym SPICE refers to materials from the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education.

China

Along the Silk Road. SPICE, 2006.

Along the Silk Road begins with an overview of the network's geography and history. Subsequent lessons explore specific elements of exchange along the Silk Road: languages, goods, belief systems, arts, music, and populations. Along the Silk Road adopts a multidisciplinary approach, and includes material suitable for social studies, geography, art, and music classes. The unit comes with a laminated Silk Road wall map that serves as a central reference and learning tool throughout the unit. The text is enriched by a DVD and an interactive website. More info...


This report presents an analysis of the status of teaching and learning about Asia in U.S. K-12 schools. More info...

China’s Cultural Revolution. SPICE, 2005.

The Cultural Revolution in China (1966-1976) was a decade of enormous change and upheaval with a lasting impact on the country, its citizens, and the world. China's Cultural Revolution teaches students about the social, cultural, educational, political, and economic changes through hands-on activities requiring critical thinking skills. Includes CD-ROM, audio CD, and a the book Red Scarf Girl. More info...


Chinese Dynasties, Part One introduces students to the first 2,500 years of Chinese history and offers students an in-depth view of Chinese civilization from the nascent years of the Shang Dynasty through the golden age of the Tang Dynasty. Chinese Dynasties, Part Two continues the exploration of dynasties, offering students an in-depth view of Chinese civilization from the Song Dynasty to the fall of the Qing Dynasty and the end of the entire dynastic system. Includes 2 CD-ROMs with images. More info...

The first of its kind, this introductory handbook instructs school districts and parents on establishing Chinese language programs. Key sections include elements of a successful language program, finding Chinese language teachers and connecting readers to professional resources. More info...

Japan


For those who teach about Japan, as well as those who simply want to know more about the country, this set of teaching lessons is a must. Tora No Maki (which means Teacher's Guide in Japanese) includes important information and ready-to-use lesson plans about Japanese culture, society, economics and politics. Lesson plans are provided for each of the elementary, middle and high school levels. More info...


DVD with interviews of kamikaze pilots. Following the production of Wings of Defeat, two American survivors of the USS Drexler, which was sunk by Kamikaze attacks, asked filmmakers Risa Morimoto and Linda Hoaglund if they could meet former Kamikaze. The meeting of former enemies of World War II is captured in the sequel documentary, Another Journey. Wings of Defeat and Another Journey are recommended for use in world history and U.S. history classes. In particular, they are recommended for use during the teaching of World War II. More info...

East Asia and Southeast Asia


The purposes of Feeding a Hungry World: Focus on Rice in Asia and the Pacific are to introduce students to the diversity of rice culture and rice-based farming systems in Asia and the Pacific and to help provide students with skills to prepare for the needs of the future global population. Students will focus on six rice-producing countries: Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, and Thailand. More info...
**Buddha’s Lost Children (2006)**

Buddha’s Lost Children is a feature-length documentary film about a Thai Buddhist monk who - armed only with his faith and skills and master boxer skills - wages an inspirational battle to help orphaned children, fight drug abuse, and preserve a vanishing way of life. [More info...](#)

**China: A Century of Revolution (1997)**

First televised on PBS, this award-winning documentary series presents an astonishingly candid view of a once-secret nation with rare archival footage, insightful historical commentary and stunning eyewitness accounts from citizens who struggled through China’s most decisive century. [More info...](#)

**Confucius: Words of Wisdom (Biography Channel, 2005)**

Twenty-five hundred years after his death, he is revered as one of the greatest teachers in history, even credited as galvanizing East Asia's current "economic miracle." Confucius's name is synonymous with ageless wisdom. Biography® journeys back into China's troubled feudal era to uncover his dramatic story, from his childhood poverty and long road to enlightenment to his years as a celebrated teacher. Leading scholars reveal why his message of "five virtues" was not always accepted by the period's leaders and interviews with a direct descendant provide a personal glimpse into Confucius's legend. [More info...](#)

**Declassified: Tiananmen Square (History Channel, 2008)**

It started out as China's answer to Woodstock, but it ended like Kent State. Here, using unseen footage and declassified diplomatic sources, we present a previously shrouded story of the battles and deaths of hundreds of young Chinese students in June 1989--martyrs for democracy at Tiananmen Square--and the imprisonment of many others. Watch the birth and death of a movement, and learn how the demonstrators changed China forever. [More info...](#)

**Inside the Forbidden City (2005)**

Inside the Forbidden City offers a panorama of the Forbidden City with a unique cultural focus, up-to-date manner of story-telling style and smooth narration. It also uncovers multitudinous unknown stories behind the high walls and shows countless invaluable treasures in the Palace. Moreover, Chinese ancient history and culture are reviewed and re-analyzed via the narration presented by the Hollywood director and actress Joan Chen. This DVD is the outcome of the effort from both China Central Television and National Geographic Channel's numerous senior producers. [More info...](#)
Mao Tse Tung: China’s Peasant Emperor (Biography Channel, 2005)

For 25 years Mao Zedong ruled one quarter of the world’s population. This is the extraordinary story of a farmer’s son who became a God in his life time but in private never shook off his peasant roots; a man who presided over one of the most radical experiments in social reform ever seen in human history but who will be remembered as one of the bloodiest dictators of the twentieth century. This program--told through the accounts of those who have met and studied him, loved and loathed him--includes archive film and pictures going back to the very earliest days of Mao's life, as well as unique film of China at the turn of the century and during key episodes in Mao’s communist revolution. More info...

The Sun Behind the Clouds (2010)

Tibetan filmmaker, Tenzing Sonam, and his partner, Ritu Sarin, take a uniquely Tibetan perspective on the trials and tribulations of the Dalai Lama and his people as they continue their struggle for freedom in the face of determined suppression by one of the world’s biggest and most powerful nations. The filmmakers had intimate access to the Dalai Lama and followed him over the course of an eventful year, which included the 2008 protests in Tibet, the international response to it, the Beijing Olympics, and the breakdown in talks between his representatives and the Chinese government. More info...

Up the Yangtze (2007)

The Three Gorges Dam, gargantuan and hotly contested symbol of the Chinese economic miracle, provides the epic and unsettling backdrop for Up the Yangtze, a dramatic and disquieting feature documentary on life inside the 21st century Chinese dream. More info...