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The following is a listing of resources to provide a starting point to examine complex global issues in East Asia. This list is by no means exhaustive and focuses mostly on examples of on-line materials from organizations that can provide a wealth of additional resources regarding China, Japan and Korea.

GENERAL RESOURCES - EAST ASIA

Asia for Educators

An initiative of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University, Asia for Educators (AFE) is designed to serve faculty and students in world history, culture, geography, art, and literature at the undergraduate and pre-college levels.

<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu>

Asia Society

The leading educational organization dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening partnerships among peoples, leaders and institutions of Asia and the United States in a global context. Across the fields of arts, business, culture, education, and policy, the Society provides insight, generates ideas, and promotes collaboration to address present challenges and create a shared future. The website provides a plethora of country and region specific information, as well as global education and international studies content including blog posts, articles, event broadcasts, lectures, curriculum, lesson plans, and activities.

<http://asiasociety.org>

Assessing 21st-Century Skills and Competencies Around the World

<http://asiasociety.org/global-cities-education-network/assessing-21st-century-skills-and-competencies-around-world>

How do teachers assess things like creativity and collaboration, or cross-cultural skills? The Asia Society's new report, *Measuring 21st Century Competencies*, focuses on just that question. The report grew out of the Global Cities Education Network, which is comprised of urban school systems working together on overcoming common education challenges. The participating cities are Denver, Hong Kong, Houston, Lexington, Melbourne, Seattle, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, and Toronto.

Articles – Background Readings – ASIA 101 <http://asiasociety.org/education/asia-101>

A collection of interesting and need-to-know information about Asia, many of which have dedicated lesson plans.

Lesson Plans - <http://asiasociety.org/education/lesson-plans>

Learn about Asia and the world through free lesson plans. Lessons include rich material resources, and are typically short formative activities that take no longer than one to three class periods. Asia Society also has Common Core aligned and project-based learning units that build student global competency from elementary school through high school graduation.

Resources - <http://asiasociety.org/education/resources>

Lesson plans, scholarly essays, primary resources—find it all here and build student understanding of Asia and the world. Educators will also find how-to guides on a range of topics, from starting a service-learning program, an international journalism club, a critical language program, and much more. Asia Society publications analyze big ideas in education reform today. Download them for analyses, models, and advice on how to reform schools for the global innovation age. All reports are informed by educators and other experts.

East Asia Forum

Based out of Australian National University, a searchable database of articles, analysis and research on politics, economics, business, law, security, international relations and societies of the Asia Pacific region. Extensive articles available on climate change, food security, violence, mining and refugees.

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/>

Education About Asia

Available in print and open access and published three times each year (spring, fall, and winter) since 1996 by the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), *EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA (EAA)* is a unique and innovative journal—a practical teaching resource for secondary school, college, and university instructors, as well as an invaluable source of information for students, scholars, libraries, and anyone with an interest in Asia. This resource showcases stimulating articles on all areas of Asia; essays describing classroom-tested educational programs and strategies; and comprehensive guides to digital resources, including movies, documentaries, books, curriculum guides, and web resources.

<http://www.asian-studies.org/Publications/EAA/About>

National Geographic Society – Asia

Collection contains selection of content from NG Education about Asia. Filters available for searching by grade, age, resource type, and subject matter.

<http://nationalgeographic.org/topics/asia/>

Environment and Economy

<http://nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/asia-resources/>

Culture and Politics

<http://nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/asia-human/>

Physical Geography

<http://nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/asia/>

PBS LearningMedia

The gateway to America's largest and most trusted classroom for teachers and students. Access to thousands of innovative, standards-aligned digital resources, compelling student experiences, and professional development opportunities for educators. Search by keyword, grade, subject matter, and resource type (e.g., audio, video, image, document, webpage, interactive, media gallery, lesson plan, etc.).

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org>

GENERAL RESOURCES – CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

GreenBiz (greenbiz.com)

GreenBiz advances the opportunities at the intersection of business, technology and sustainability. Through its websites and research, GreenBiz promotes the potential to drive transformation and accelerate progress — within companies, industries and in the very nature of business. The website presents a learning tool where one can search to see how countries are contributing to solutions and balancing environmental issues.

GENERAL RESOURCES – RESOURCE EXTRACTION & MINING

World Resources Forum - Natural Resources, What Are They? Global Resource Use – Worldwide Patterns of Resource Extraction

Article and searchable website to find out how countries utilize their own natural resources.

<http://www.wrforum.org/publications-2/publications/>

www.materialflows.net

An online portal presenting engaging visualization tools for a comprehensive database on global resource extraction administrated by the Vienna University of Economics and Business. The database comprises data for more than 200 countries, from the time period of 1980 to 2013, and more than 300 different materials aggregated into 12 categories of material flows.

EAST ASIA RESOURCES - VIOLENCE

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

UNODC collects data on crime and the operation of criminal justice systems in order to make policy-relevant information and analysis available in a timely manner to the international community. UNODC works on the development of standards for national crime and criminal justice information systems and for the conduct of victimization surveys. The office also aims to enhance the cross-national comparability of data through the development of key indicators and data reporting tools. Periodic reports on selected crime issues provide in-depth analysis on key topics of concern at the global and regional level.

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/crime-and-criminal-justice.html>

“China and Mekong Officials Commit to Counter Rising Drug Threats”

(29-May-2014)

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2014/May/china-and-mekong-officials-commit-to-counter-rising-drug-threats.html>

This article discusses the ongoing problem of illicit drugs and the threat they pose in China.

Google Books

Think Global, Fear Local: Sex, Violence, and Anxiety in Contemporary Japan

By David Leheny, Cornell University Press 2006

This book discusses violence in ways in which people tend to over look. Everyday life contains violent acts and these are some of the issues that Japan deals with today.

<https://books.google.com/books?hl=en&lr=&id=ExotJqDJ3ngC&oi=fnd&pg=PR1&dq=japan+violence&ots=X9NC0XEA42&sig=vCTPz4FzsZEa6fezTY6kSYVqQdA#v=onepage&q=japan%20violence&f=false>

EAST ASIA RESOURCES – CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

The Geography of the Koreas

A geographic exploration of North and South Korea, including its location, climate, production, and how Korea perceives herself.

<http://asiasociety.org/education/geography-koreas>

Mapping “Made in China”: Tracing the Economic, Social and Environmental Impacts of Global Trade

EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA, Volume 19:1 (Spring 2014): Teaching Asia Through Field Trips and Experiential Learning

<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/19/1/1164.pdf>

The New Mongolia

By Steven A. Leibo, EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA, Volume 18:3 (Winter 2013): Central Asia

<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/18/3/1138.pdf>

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate.gov

Website provides science and information to promote public understanding of climate science and climate-related events. Features news, maps, data and teaching resources. Utilize the keyword search to locate materials on countries such as China, Japan, and Korea.

<https://www.climate.gov/teaching>

EAST ASIA RESOURCES – FOOD, NUTRITION, WASTE & SECURITY

Arduous March (Wide Angle) – PBS LearningMedia

North Korea employs a food rationing system, a foundation of its planned economy. The people of North Korea suffered great hardship under this system from the mid- to late 1990s, a period commonly known as the Arduous March. In this video from *Wide Angle*, learn about the factors that led to the Arduous March and one family’s struggle to survive during this dark period in North Korean history.

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/wa08.socst.world.glob.arduou/arduou-march/>

Food – Hidden Korea - PBS LearningMedia

An on-line resource for grades 6-12 exploring food as a defining element of Korean culture and how it is directly related to Korea's environment - the country's location, its geography, and climate.

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/e8574b37-5fa9-45b4-a4ac-3219d0357ad7/food-hidden-korea/>

Follow the Food: Cooking Our Way to Global Understanding – Asia Society Global Partnership for Learning

The benefits of teaching children to cook are many: to develop independence and self-sufficiency; to increase awareness of healthy choices and nutrition; to make science and math concepts come alive through real-world applications; and to practice or reinforce the 21st century skills of collaboration, time management, communication, and problem solving. Food is also an obvious way to introduce young people to a variety of countries and cultures, but teachers and afterschool educators need to go beyond simple exposure of international dishes at food festivals in order to increase youth's global competencies. This resource provides a variety of ways educators can design learning units using cooking as an instructional strategy to develop young people's understanding of people and cultures through their cuisine.

<http://asiasociety.org/global-learning-beyond-school/follow-food>

Water Is Life: A Lesson About Water Security – Asia Society Global Partnership for Learning

Lesson Plan with Activity Sheet and Fact Sheet. This lesson is a series of formative tasks that help students understand water security issues. The formative tasks provide a foundation for students to conduct their own research and action project.

<http://asiasociety.org/education/water-life>

Using Food to Teach About Chinese Culture

By Kandice Hauf, EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA, Volume 16:3 (Winter 2011): Food, Culture, and Asia

<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/16/3/1263.pdf>

Understanding Contemporary Asia through Food

By Eriberto P. Lozada, EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA, Volume 16:3 (Winter 2011): Food, Culture and Asia

<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/16/3/1264.pdf>

Web Resources on Food, Culture and Asia

By Judith Ames, EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA, Volume 16:3 (Winter 2011): Food, Culture and Asia

<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/16/3/1229.pdf>

EAST ASIA RESOURCES – REFUGEES & IMMIGRATION

PBS LearningMedia (www.pbslearningmedia.org)

Provides access to thousands of innovative, standards-aligned digital resources, compelling student experiences, and professional development opportunities. Includes over 300 resources related to refugees across the globe.

“A Tale of Two Heavens: Escaping North Korea – Lesson Plan”

Lesson for grades 9 to 13+ from the *Wide Angle* episode “Crossing Heaven’s Border,” students learn about the conditions in North Korea that have compelled many North Koreans to attempt a dangerous escape to see what they see as the “Heaven” of South Korea.

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/wa10.socst.global.com.lpcrosheav/a-tale-of-twoheavens-escaping-north-korea/>

Chinese Immigration

Search results on the website provide both historical and contemporary accounts of refugees and immigration from China. One can search for other East Asian countries or other world regions as well.

http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/search/?q=chinese+immigration&selected_facets=&selected_facets=

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