

GENERAL RESOURCES - EAST ASIA

Artsiamerica

artsiamerica is a professional digital archive of Asian/Asian American contemporary visual artists. It is a historical image & document archive specialized in Asian American visual culture from 1945 to the present.

<http://artsiamerica.org/>

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>

The Asia-Pacific Journal

The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus is a peer-reviewed on-line publication providing critical analysis of the forces shaping the Asia-Pacific and the world. The Journal explores the geopolitics, economics, history, society, culture, international relations and environment of the modern and contemporary Asia-Pacific region.

<http://apjjf.org/>

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.

China Research Center (China Currents Journal)

The China Research Center promotes understanding of greater China based on in-depth research and experience. Center Associates are experts on greater China's history, contemporary politics, economy, business environment, language, culture, and media and are committed to building bridges between the Southeast United States and China, Taiwan, Macao, and Hong Kong. The Center is based in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

<http://www.chinacenter.net/china-currents/>

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>

Global Voices

A borderless, largely volunteer community of more than 1400 writers, analysts, online media experts, and translators, Global Voices has been leading the conversation on citizen media reporting since 2005. They curate, verify, and translate trending news and stories (into more than 40 languages) you might be missing on the Internet, from blogs, independent press and social media in 167 countries.

<https://globalvoices.org/-/world/east-asia/>

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>

PBS Lesson Plan: Are "Citizen Reporters" Journalists?

Using clips from the film *High Tech, Low Life*, students will look at the work of two very different bloggers to understand the techniques and principles that distinguish journalism from other types of storytelling. They'll also explore why the distinction matters. The two bloggers depicted in the film live in China, where they are subject to government intimidation and censorship. This lesson plan is appropriate for use in courses in a variety of areas, including global studies (especially related to understanding China's emphasis on "social harmony"), business ethics (specifically the impact of China's market reforms and rapid industrialization) and U.S. government, civics and history (covering the content of the First Amendment, the role of a free press in a democracy and the history of shield laws in the United States).

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/hightechlowlife/lesson-plan/>

Primary Source

A 28-year-old nonprofit organization that works to advance global education in schools, Primary Source believes in the power of understanding the world from diverse perspectives and a future in which all individuals are informed and contributing global citizens. Find book, film, website, and curriculum recommendations for teaching about world regions and global issues. Integrate primary sources into your curriculum with K-12 lesson plans on global issues, cultures, and histories.

<https://www.primarysource.org/for-teachers>

101 East Series – Al Jazeera

Videos of bold, untold stories from across Asia and the Pacific. Al Jazeera's in-depth, weekly current affairs program from the world's most populated region.

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/101east/>

EAST ASIA RESOURCES – WATER , CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

Asia-Pacific Forum on Environment and Development (APFED)

Group of experts originated at ECO ASIA (Environment Congress for Asia and the Pacific) in 2001. The main aim of APFED is finding the critical issues in Asia and Pacific region. Another goal is to introduce the new models of sustainable development and environmental issues.

An Overview of Japan's Environmental Issues and Policies, May 23, 2017

<http://www.apfed.net/overview-japans-environmental-issues-policies/>

Fishing for Data in the Radioactive Waters off Fukushima

This *PBS NewsHour* video and educational resource from March 6, 2014 will help students understand the dangerous repercussions of the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in 2011. Hear the opinions from scientist and Japanese fishermen to learn about radioactivity levels in the water and fish.

<https://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/1978fe6d-e458-4842-9ac4-a1871dcff4da/fishing-for-data-in-the-radioactive-waters-off-fukushima/#.WUv2yntUPpw>

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>

Inside Fukushima's Time Bomb

Five years after Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster many residents are still living in a radioactive nightmare. As Japan continues to suffer the toxic aftermath of one of its worst ever disasters, Al Jazeera's *101 East* reveals that the countryside may never again be safe. (August 25, 2016)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/101east/2016/08/fukushima-time-bomb-160824122108827.html>

Japan is Obsessed with Climate Change. Young People Don't Get It

By Tatiana Schlossberg, The New York Times, December 5, 2016

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/05/science/japan-global-warming.html>

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>

Rivers of Asia

Interactive website from Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) focusing on the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers in China, includes Teacher's Guide, lesson plans, and activity ideas.

<http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/multimedia/rivers-asia>

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>

Why China is Building Islands in the South China Sea – Video by Vox

China claims they aren't military bases, but their actions say otherwise.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luTPMH7zHY>

EAST ASIAN RESOURCES – RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC)

A secular body based in the United Kingdom that helps the major religions of the world to develop their own environmental programs, based on their own core teachings, beliefs and practices, Website includes projects in Asia and resources on religions and schools of thought of East Asia, such as Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and Shintoism.

<http://www.arcworld.org>

On the Role of Chinese Religion in Environmental Protection

By Ian Johnson, October 17, 2016, *The New York Times*

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/18/world/asia/china-religion-prasenjit-duara.html?_r=0

Could Buddhist Values Help China Curb Pollution?

Learn how Buddhist values are affecting people's outlook on environmentalism in China with this video and educational materials from *PBS NewsHour* from November 28, 2014.

<https://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/9c3dbee5-5035-4719-90dd-071da5c1d988/could-buddhist-values-help-china-curb-pollution/#.WUAxklLzIUM>

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.conn.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=

Hong Kong: Mainland Invasion

Hong Kong's health and education services are being stretched to the limit by demand from mainland China. Al Jazeera's *101 East* examines one aspect of the complicated relationship between Hong Kong and Mainland China. (December 19, 2011)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/101east/2011/11/201111298154826963.html>

EAST ASIA RESOURCES – WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Human Rights Watch

A nonprofit, nongovernmental human rights organization known for its accurate fact-finding, impartial reporting, effective use of media and targeted advocacy, often in partnership with local human rights groups across the globe.

<https://www.hrw.org>

Submission on South Korea to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (June 20, 2017) covering restrictions on women's reproductive rights, LGBT rights, sex education in schools, and ongoing discrimination against women.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/06/20/human-rights-watch-submission-south-korea-committee-elimination-discrimination>

World Reports 2017

China - <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2017/country-chapters/china-and-tibet>

Japan - <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2017/country-chapters/japan>

North Korea - <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2017/country-chapters/north-korea>

Japan's Womenomics

Japan's government believes it has found a cure for its faltering economy: Women. Long overlooked during more than two decades of economic stagnation, Japanese women are considered among the most highly educated but under-utilized resource in the developed world. In what has been dubbed "womenomics", Shinzo Abe, Japan's prime minister, has put the country's women at the heart of a strategy to revive the country's ailing economy. But with an endemic chauvinistic society, Al Jazeera's *101 East* asks if women can conquer the gender gap to save Japan's economy. (August 27, 2015)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/101east/2015/08/japan-womenomics-150824105209136.html>

PBS Lesson Plan: The Role and Status of Women in Korea

In this lesson, students will study the role and status of women in Korea from the early 20th century to the present and determine how gender roles may have contributed to the hardships of successive generations of women shown in a series of video clips. The clips used in this lesson are from the film *In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee*, the story of an adopted Korean American who returns to Korea to learn more about her own history and the life of Cha Jung Hee, the girl whose identity she was given when she was adopted by an American family.

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/chajunghee/lesson-plan/>

South Korea's Gender Wars

In Korea, the murder of a young woman in the affluent Gangnam district has ignited a vicious public debate about the country's entrenched misogyny. Feminists blamed Korea's gender inequality and took to the streets which sparked counter protests from men's rights defenders who felt men were unfairly attacked. This debate intensified online where feminists mirror the name-calling men direct at them. But these tactics only made the men angrier. And for some, this online conflict has painful real-life consequences. Al Jazeera's *101 East* explores misogyny and murder in South Korea as a vicious gender war erupts. (April 13, 2017)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/101east/2017/04/south-korea-gender-wars-170413122631794.html>

Women in Asia – Women's Empowerment Program

The Asia Foundation has worked to empower women for over 60 years. Their distinctive Women's Empowerment Program was established in 1994 and leads the organization's efforts to transform the lives of thousands of women and girls in Asia. The evidence-based programs focus on expanding women's economic opportunities, increasing women's rights and security and advancing women's political participation. Program reports on projects in China.

<http://asiafoundation.org/what-we-do/empower-women/>

May 17, 2017 Report – Empowering Migrant Women as Entrepreneurs in China

<http://asiafoundation.org/publication/empowering-migrant-women-entrepreneurs-china/>

Women in Modern Mongolia

As Mongolia finds its identity in the modern world, new challenges and opportunities face Mongol women.

<http://asiasociety.org/education/women-modern-mongolia>

Women in Traditional China

An Overview of women's roles in Chinese society over time.

<http://asiasociety.org/education/women-traditional-china>

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