



The following is a listing of resources to provide a starting point to examine the complexities of politics and governance 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.

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>

Video

The China Model: Alternatives to “One Person, One Vote” Election, November 9, 2015

Presentation by Daniel A. Bell, Chair Professor, Schwarzman Scholars Program, Tsinghua University, on how the Chinese-style political meritocracy can be morally desirable and politically stable and how it can help remedy the key flaws of electoral democracy (1 hr. 3 min.).

<http://asiasociety.org/hong-kong/china-model-alternatives-one-person-one-vote-election>

Articles Linking to Additional Resources and Videos

How Taiwan’s Election Highlights the ‘Failure’ of China’s Cross-Strait Strategy, January 21, 2016

<http://asiasociety.org/blog/asia/how-taiwans-election-highlights-failure-chinas-cross-strait-strategy>

How China’s Leaders are ‘Empowering the Very People They Fear’ in Hong Kong, September 7, 2016

<http://asiasociety.org/blog/asia/how-chinas-leaders-are-empowering-very-people-they-fear-hong-kong>

THE CARTER CENTER – CHINA PROJECTS

The Carter Center, in partnership with Emory University, is guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering. It seeks to prevent and resolve conflicts, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health.

<https://www.cartercenter.org/countries/china.html>

View PDF Reports on China Village Elections

https://www.cartercenter.org/news/publications/election_reports.html#china

In 2000, the Carter Center China Program helped launch a website on villager self-government in China that quickly became one of the most comprehensive websites on grassroots democracy in China. Today, the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs maintains the website. Two years later, the Center launched <http://www.chinaelections.org/>, which became the most visited political reform portal inside and outside China. The English version of the site now links to US-China Perception Monitor.

US-CHINA PERCEPTION MONITOR

The U.S.-China Perception Monitor website aims to mitigate tensions between the U.S. and China by creating innovative channels for building trust, facilitating collaboration between the two countries in critical areas around the world, and raising mutual awareness of common interests. <http://www.uscnpm.org/>

Suggested Readings and Commentaries

The site provides a weekly suggested readings and commentary for you to better understand China, including topics on politics, society, culture, environment, energy, military, security, economy and trade. <http://www.uscnpm.org/suggested-readings-on-china-copy/>

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>

Teaching Korean Politics Through Cinema

Volume 18:1 (Spring 2013): Asian Visual and Performing Arts, Part II
<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/18/1/1103.pdf>

The Domestic and International Politics of Constitutional Change in Japan

Volume 12:3 (Winter 2007): Teaching About Asian Governments and Legal Systems
<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/EAA-Archives/12/3/768.pdf>

PBS LEARNING MEDIA

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>

CHINA

China from the Inside – In Depth: Democracy – The Role of Elections in Representing the Chinese People and Advancing Democracy

<http://www.pbs.org/kqed/chinainside/power/democracy.html>

Video - Democracy, Authoritarian Capitalism and China – Crash Course World History #230 – Streaming Video, Grades 9-13+

Join host John Green to learn about the reach of government, growing economies, and potentially the end of the world as we know it. For the last hundred years or so, a seemingly important ingredient for running an economically successful country has been a Western-style democratic government. All evidence has pointed to the idea that capitalist representative democracies make for the best economic outcomes. It turns out that such a government isn't the only way to succeed. Over the past forty or so years, authoritarian capitalism as it is practiced in places like China and Singapore has been working really, really well. John will look at these systems and talk about why they work, and he'll even make a few predictions about the future.

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/4a50fdf0-0fba-4372-9ba1-7b7c574b9dd3/democracy-authoritarian-capitalism-and-china-crash-course-world-history-230/>

Please Vote for Me – Film Module

This module takes a look at the proposition of hosting a democratic election inside a third-grade classroom in communist China. It provides glimpses of each of the three young candidates for class monitor: at home, in class, and while actively campaigning. Viewers also see the involvement of the teacher, the parents, and classmates.

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/24a77ce3-c9dc-4b1d-9f7e-3a87969c11c1/please-vote-for-me-film-module/>

Please Vote for Me - Film Discussion Guide, Grades 9-12

This discussion guide is designed as a tool to facilitate dialogue, and deepen understanding of the complex issues in *Please Vote for Me*, a film that follows 8-year-old students in an elementary school in China as they campaign for class monitor. Viewers will focus and learn about democracy and the feasibility of democracy education in China. The guide provides resources and suggestions for areas to take action and to explore.

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/efaf06d5-40ad-4ee3-8166-3a92c4dbd7e4/please-vote-for-me-film-discussion-guide/>

JAPAN

Campaign: Political Campaigns in Japan

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/f70d0713-200f-4544-9c78-c94a6836fbd3/f70d0713-200f-4544-9c78-c94a6836fbd3/#>

This lesson plan is designed to be used with the film *Campaign*, a peek into political campaigning in Japan as experienced by a man running for a critical seat on a suburban city council. Classrooms can use this lesson to examine Japanese campaign strategies that are restricted and permitted by law, and then discuss how these activities could affect the strength of the country's democracy.

http://www.pbs.org/pov/campaign/lesson_plan.php

Video – Samurai, Daimyo, Matthew Perry, and Nationalism – Crash Course World History #34, Grades 9-13+

John Green teaches you about Nationalism. Nationalism was everywhere in the 19th century, as people all over the world carved new nation-states out of old empires. Nationalist leaders changed the way people thought of themselves and the places they lived by reinventing education, military service, and the relationship between government and governed. In Japan, the traditional feudal society underwent a long transformation over the course of about 300 years to become a modern

nation-state. John follows the course of Japanese history from the emergence of the Tokugawa Shogunate to the Meiji Restoration, and covers Nationalism in many other countries along the way. All this, plus a special guest appearance, the return of an old friend on a extra-special episode of Crash Course.

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/f9d0288a-38b2-471c-8b7a-9de5c8077fc9/samurai-daimyo-matthew-perry-and-nationalism-crash-course-world-history-34/>

KOREA

One Party, Grades 9-12

After World War II, Korea was officially divided into two states, North Korea and South Korea. North Korea became officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea, a communist state that embraced nationalism. In this Wide Angle video, learn about the Workers' Party of Korea, the communist party that has established rule over North Korea since its birth as a republic. <http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/wa08.socst.world.glob.party/one-party/>

All for One, Grades 9-12

The communist state of North Korea has exercised authoritarian control over its citizenry at the expense of individual rights and freedoms; conformity and discipline permeate all aspects of North Korean society. In this video from Wide Angle, viewers experience the influence of the Workers' Party of Korea on a family living in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/wa08.socst.world.glob.allforone/all-for-one/>

Kim Jong Un's Deadly Power Play Stokes Fear in Foreign Governments, Grades 7-9, 11-12

This Daily News Story from PBS NewsHour Extra was created on December 20th, 2013.

The execution of a high-ranking relative of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has perplexed and disturbed foreign governments and longtime observers.

<http://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/b88e207a-18e7-4246-ad6d-ce64349e91c9/kim-jong-uns-deadly-power-play-stokes-fear-in-foreign-governments-video/>

THE KOREA SOCIETY

A private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization with individual and corporate members that is dedicated solely to the promotion of greater awareness, understanding, and cooperation between the people of the United States and Korea. In pursuit of its mission, the Society arranges programs that facilitate discussion, exchanges and research on topics of vital interest to both countries in the areas of public policy, business, education, intercultural relations and the arts.

<http://www.koreasociety.org/korean-studies.html>

Lesson Plan – When Did South Korea Become a Democracy? Grades 9-12

This lesson provides a deeper understanding into the history of South Korean Democracy and provides fertile discussion and application to more current situations.

http://www.koreasociety.org/images/pdf/KoreanStudies/Curriculum_Materials/LessonsbyTopic/SocialStudies/When_Did_South_Korea_Become_a_Democracy.pdf

STANFORD PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL EDUCATION

Serves as a bridge between Stanford University and K-12 schools and community colleges by developing multidisciplinary curricular materials on international topics, conducting teacher professional development seminars, and teaching distance-learning courses.

<http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu>

Internet Guide on Japan

Japanese Government

This guide links to sites that discuss the Japanese government. Sites covering the constitution, the branches of government, lawmaking, and political parties are featured.

http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/japanese_government

Japan Lecture and Lesson Plan

Plan-Single Party Governance: Early Benefit and Long-Term Costs

In this lecture, Professor Daniel I. Okimoto explores distinctive aspects of Japan's political system, namely single-party rule. He examines the positive and negative aspects of Japan's political system and discusses topics such as the Yoshida Doctrine, *nisei giin*, and *amakudari*. PDF lesson plan also available for download.

<http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/multimedia/single-party-governance>

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>

Primary Sources with Discussion Questions

CHINA http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/main_pop/ps/ps_china.htm

Socialism and Democracy in China after Mao Zedong

- Wei Jingsheng, b. 1950

"The Fifth Modernization: Democracy" (1978) [PDF]

http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/cup/wei_jingsheng_fifth_modernization.pdf

- Deng Xiaoping, 1904-1997

"Uphold the Four Basic Principles" (Speech, March 30, 1979) [PDF]

http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/cup/deng_xiaoping_uphold_principles.pdf

From the Office of the CCP Dehong Dai Nationality and Qingbo Autonomous Zhou Committee: "Several Questions in Strengthening and Perfecting the Job Responsibility Systems of Agricultural Production" (1980) [PDF]

http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/cup/dehong_dai_questions.pdf

How Should the Criteria for Admission to the Communist Youth League Be Administered After Installation of the Production Responsibility System? (1981) [PDF]
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/china/criteria_youth_league.pdf

- Fang Lizhi, b. 1936

"The Social Responsibility of Today's Intellectuals" (Speech, November 4, 1985) [PDF]
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/cup/fang_lizhi_responsibility.pdf

From the People's Daily: "Bourgeois and Socialist Democracies Compared" (March 1990)
[PDF]
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/china/peoples_daily.pdf

The Chinese Political System and the Communist Party

This unit provides an overview of the Chinese political system and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) with excerpts from the constitutions of the Communist Party of China and of the People's Republic of China. These primary documents can highlight for students how the Communist Party is the real political power in China. A chart of the political structure of China is also included, to help students better understand the relationship between the party and the state in a communist system. Discussion questions also included.

http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/special/china_1950_prc_ccp.htm

KOREA http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/main_pop/ps/ps_korea.htm#tp10

South Korea's Postwar Development

- Pak Chônghûi, 1917-1979

Selections from To Build a Nation (1971) [PDF]
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/korea/build_a_nation.pdf

- Kim Chiha, b. 1941

"Five Bandits" (1970) [PDF]
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/korea/critique_of_development.pdf

The Ideology of Kim Il-sông (1912-1994) and North Korea

"On Eliminating Dogmatism and Formalism and Establishing Juche in Ideological Work" (Speech, 1955) [PDF]
<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/ps/korea/juche.pdf>

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The on-line version of the newspaper offers many articles on East Asia, including a China and Japan topic section with searchable database, linking to related coverage, videos, and more.

- <http://www.nytimes.com/topic/destination/china>
- <http://www.nytimes.com/topic/destination/japan>

For China's Leaders, U.S. Election Scandals Make the Case for One-Party Rule

October 11, 2016

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/12/world/asia/us-presidential-election-china.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FChina&action=click&contentCollection=world®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=3&pgtype=collection

Xi Jinping May Delay Picking China's Next Leader, Stoking Speculation

October 6, 2016

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/05/world/asia/china-president-xi-jinping-successor.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FChina&action=click&contentCollection=world®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=5&pgtype=collection

Breaking Japan's Glass Ceiling, but Leaving Some Feminists Unconvinced

September 30, 2016

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/01/world/asia/yuriko-koike-tokyo-governor.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FJapan&action=click&contentCollection=world®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=3&pgtype=collection&r=0

Japan's Main Opposition Party Elects First Female Leader

September 15, 2016

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/16/world/asia/japan-renho-murata-democratic-party.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FJapan&action=click&contentCollection=world®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=4&pgtype=collection

In Japan, an Emperor Constrained by History and a National Identity Crisis

August 9, 2016

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/10/world/asia/japan-emperor-kihito.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FJapan&action=click&contentCollection=world®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=7&pgtype=collection

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Offers fresh classroom resources — from lesson plans and writing prompts to news quizzes, student contests and more — all based on the articles, essays, images, videos and graphics published on [NYTimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com).

- <http://www.nytimes.com/section/learning>

Articles & Classroom Questions

Emperor Akihito of Japan Raises Possibility of Leaving Throne
August 9, 2016

http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/08/09/article-of-the-day-emperor-akihito-of-japan-raises-possibility-of-leaving-throne/?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Flearning&action=click&contentCollection=learning®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=sectionfront

Lesson Plan

Decision Point: Understanding the U.S.'s Dilemma Over North Korea
March 19, 2013

http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/03/19/decision-point-understanding-u-s-s-dilemma-over-north-korea/?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Flearning&action=click&contentCollection=learning®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=5&pgtype=sectionfront

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