

China Research Project

Welcome to the cultural research project on Ancient China. You will be required to ask questions about a topic that interests you, show its connection to one of the Dynasties, and how it is relevant today. You will research the answers to your questions and present your findings in a creative project.

The steps for the project will be

1. Brainstorm ideas for the project.
2. Select a topic from the provided topic areas.
3. Prepare for research by generating a minimum of 5 questions.
4. Research.
5. Create your finished product.

Steps 1 and 2. Brainstorm and select a topic

Project Topics:

Here are some project topic ideas to get you started brainstorming.

Philosophies

➤ Legalism ➤ Buddhism ➤ Daoism ➤ Confucianism

Arts and Architecture

➤ Great Wall of China ➤ Grand Canal ➤ Forbidden City
➤ Temple of Heaven ➤ Shadow Puppets ➤ Terra-Cotta Army
➤ Chinese Horoscope ➤ Calligraphy ➤ Dance ➤ Chinese New

Year ➤ Music ➤ Fen Shui ➤ Dragon significance

Trade and Exploration

➤ Silk industry ➤ Silk Road ➤ Pottery ➤ Junks (ships)

Advances and Breakthroughs

➤ Educational system ➤ Civil service examination system

➤ Medicine ➤ Inventions:

○ Fireworks ○ Printing, moveable type ○ Gunpowder

○ Compass ○ Paper ○ Kites

Step 3 Generate Questions

** ONE QUESTION MUST RELATE TO A CHINESE DYNASTY *
ONE QUESTION MUST RELATE TO HOW THIS TOPIC IS
RELEVANT TODAY*

Come up with a minimum of five questions about your topic using different types of questions from the list below.

Build on New Information: As you learn more about a topic there are more questions you can ask. Use new information to ask new questions, get clarification or take your thinking in a new direction.

Change Your Perspective: Pretend you are someone else when you are asking the questions.

Connect to You Own Experiences: Think about what you know about the topic from your own life. Ask questions to find out how your experiences have been similar or different from the topic you are researching.

Step 4: Research

You will need to keep track of your sources and include a bibliography containing information on your sources. Use Easy bib

to create the bibliography.

Websites

The Ancient Dynasties

<http://www-chaos.umd.edu/history/ancient1.html>

A-Z Kid's Stuff: China <http://www.atozkidsstuff.com/china.html>

Ancient, Classical History: China

<http://ancienthistory.about.com/cs/china>

Ancient China Index <http://www.crystalinks.com/china.html>

Chinese Cultural Studies: Concise Political History of China

<http://www.computersmiths.com/chineseinvention/>

www.ancientchina.co.uk

www.chinaculture.org

The Art of Asia

<http://www.artsmia.org/art%2Dof%2Dasia/>

Chinese History

<http://www.chinaknowledge.org/History/history.htm>

Tang Dynasty Art History

http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/tang/hd_tang.htm

Step 5: Create Your Finished Product

Once your topic and questions have been selected and researched, you will need to show what you have learned. You will do this by writing the answers to your questions and producing a visual that relates to your topic.

Projects must include:

1. The five questions that you have researched along with their answers typed on separate piece of paper with your heading on

it.

2. A typed list of your sources (bibliography)
3. A visual/product that relates to your topic and includes the answers to your research questions.

Final project options include:

- Scrapbook
- Power Point slide show
- Newspaper (Lucid press)
- Children's book
- Artwork
- Architectural feature
- Digital Poster
- Artifact Replica (Kite)
- Diorama
- Model
- Other

Project Rubric

___ 2 points	Topic selection
___ 5 points	Generating at least 5 good questions that relate to your topic (having 6 or 7 at first is a good idea)
___ 10 points	Answers to your questions that demonstrate new learning.
___ 5 points	Bibliography (minimum five sources)
___ 20 points	Project visual/Creativity
___ 42 points	Total points for the project.