

Ancient China Research Project

Unit 3: Chapters 8 & 9

Welcome to the cultural research project for Ancient China. You will be required to ask questions about a topic that interest you, and show its connection to one of the Ancient Chinese Dynasties. You will research the answers to your questions and present your findings in a podcast.

Steps for the Project:

- Step 1- Select a Dynasty.
- Step 2- As a group divide the research topics. Each group member is responsible for researching one topic on China for the podcast. The topics are; Geography of China, History of a Dynasty, achievements from a Dynasty, the Silk Road, Chinese Culture, Confucianism, and modern China.
- Step 3- Prepare research questions for your topic. Each group member is required to develop 3 to 5 questions.
- Step 3- Research: Every student will prepare research note sheets based on their research questions and topic.
- Step 4- Create a podcast on Ancient China.

Step 1: Selecting a Dynasty and Topic-

From the list below choose a Dynasty. This will become the theme for your podcast. One student will be responsible for researching the history of the Dynasty. Other students will be responsible for researching two achievements from your group's Dynasty.

Dynasty: Qin (Chin) 221-206 BCE

Huangdi
Terracotta soldiers
Great Wall
Art of Chinese Writing/ Calligraphy
Government
Coins
Weights and Measures
Tax system
Uniform laws
Burning
Compasses

Dynasty: Han 206 BCE-220 CE

Liu Bang	Confucius
Silk Road	Paper
Porcelain	Seismograph
Taoism	Buddhism
Spices	Feng Shui
Mapmaking	Education
Herbal Medicine	Iron
Jade	Irrigation
Daily Life	Acupuncture Book
Grand Canal	Agriculture

Dynasty: Tang 618-907 CE

Li Yuan	Porcelain Printing	
Gun Powder	Paper Money	Coal for Heat
Fireworks	Music/Opera /Instruments/Orchestra	Poetry
Wheel Barrow	Golden Age of Chinese Culture	Paper and Ceramics (Celadon)

Step 2: Generating Research Questions-

To start your research you must develop five questions about your topic or Dynasty. Each question should be written on a note sheet. As you learn more about your topic or Dynasty you will develop additional questions. Use the new information that you learn to guide your research.

- Sample Questions:**
1. **Why was it good to live in your Dynasty? List three reasons.**
 2. **Why it was bad to live in your Dynasty? List three reasons.**
 3. **What was daily life like in your Dynasty?**
 4. **What impact did your research topic/topics have on your Dynasty?**
 5. **How does your topic relate to or impact Modern China?**

Step 3: Research-

You will be going to the Computer Lab on your research topics. You will need to keep track of the sources and complete a bibliography. As you research you will take notes on your topic that help you answer your research questions. Listed below are some helpful keywords that will guide your research:

Chinese Dynasty	Trade route	Poetry
Ancient China	Transportation	Technology
Qin(Chin) Dynasty	Textiles	Inventions
Han Dynasty	Tang Dynasty	Political System
Painting	Philosophies	Three Kingdoms
Music	Social Systems	Economy
Government	Architecture	Building Projects
The Silk Road	The Great Wall	The Grand Canal
Pottery	Laws	Art
Trade	Emperor	Calligraphy

Step 4: Ancient China Culture Project-

Once your topic, dynasty, and questions have been selected and researched, you will need to show what you have learned. You will do this by creating a podcast about your group's topic and dynasty.

Complete the following assignments to create your podcast

Assignments-

1. **Geography of China:** You will research and include five important facts about China's geography. This part of the podcast should include key environmental features of China. (20 points)
2. **Dynasty:** Based on your research one student will create a podcast segment on a Dynasty. The page should include the following information (20 points):
 - a. The Name of the Dynasty
 - b. The Name of the Emperor/Emperors
 - c. A brief history of the Dynasty. This should be 1 to 2 paragraphs.
 - d. List of three achievements from the Dynasty.
 - e. Description of daily life during your Dynasty.

3. **Achievements:** Two students will choose achievements from your dynasty and create a podcast segment on each topic. (20 points)

- a. History of your topic and its significance in Ancient China. This should be at least 1 to 2 paragraphs.
- b. Pictures of your research topic.
- c. How did this achievement impact or influence your dynasty?

4. **Silk Road:** One student will research the history of the Silk Road and its impact on Ancient China. Your Silk Road segment should include the following information (20 points):

1. What was the Silk Road?
2. What traveled along the Silk Road?
3. Who were the people of the Silk Road?
4. How were goods traded along the Silk Road?
5. Why is the Silk Road important?

5. **Chinese Proverb/Confucius Page-** One student will research Ancient Chinese proverbs taught by Confucius. For the podcast they will discuss a proverb. The podcast must include; the proverb, an explanation of the proverb, and the story of Confucius. You should discuss who Confucius was and what impacted he had on Ancient China? (20 points)

6. **Chinese Culture Page:** This part of the podcast is about Modern Chinese Culture. This is a creative segment should act as a conclusion for your group's podcast.

The podcast is worth 200 points. 100 points for research/ 100 points for the podcast

Research Due Date: _____

Project Due Date: _____

Presentation Date: _____

