

ASIA BASICS

Asia for Educators (AFE)

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

A resource site for teachers developed by Columbia University's East Asian Curriculum Project (EACP), AFE is a national initiative devoted to supporting Asia at the secondary and elementary levels. Focusing primarily on China and Japan, the site features classroom materials and faculty guides for educators that can be viewed by **Subject Area** (art, language...), **File Type** (timelines, maps...), or **Time Period**. Under **View by Subject Area**, categories are further divided into **Teaching Units** (Art, for example, features teaching units developed for AFE: **Great Bronze Age of China** and **Guide to Chinese Painting**); **Resource List** (visual materials to purchase from Museums); and **Web Links** (online lessons developed by Museums and Universities). Another resource on the home page is **Featured Units** which includes **The Mongols in World History**; **The Song Dynasty in China**; and **The Tale of Genji**.

Asia in the Curriculum

<http://asiainthecurriculum.org>

A site to allow discussion and facilitate exchange about curricula and teaching materials, professional development opportunities, conferences, speakers and events, grants, and job announcements. Feedback is addressed to Columbia University's Asia for Educators and among the sponsoring organizations are ASIANetwork, National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools, and Committee on Teaching about Asia of the Association for Asian Studies.

ASIANetwork

<http://asianetwork.org>

Focusing on undergraduate education, this consortium of North American colleges provides a newsletter, available on-line, for teaching about Asia--ASIANetwork Exchange; links to resources for teaching about Asia and language learning resources; special grant opportunities (such as Asian Art in the Undergraduate Curriculum) and conferences.

AskAsia; Asia Society

<http://askasia.org>

A K-12 resource of the Asia Society divided into several major categories: 1) **teachers** with lesson plans, essays, maps, images and international studies resource directory; 2) **students** with resources and contexts for exploring global issues (current events, contests, language, culture, and news; and 3) **kids** which provides stories, art and introductory language lessons. In addition, this site includes links to **Chinese Language in the Schools** (www.askasia.org/chinese) complete with information on conferences, handbooks for teaching, and a newsletter; also includes schools teaching Chinese, how to start a language program, teach Chinese, access resources, and share information. Lastly, a link through <http://asiasociety.org> to **Education & Learning** (or www.InternationalEd.org) includes current resources on international studies, state

initiatives, and national coalitions along with annotated links to a wide range of programs.

Association for Asian Studies

www.aasianst.org

For all interested in Asian studies, this site provides information about area councils and conferences with quick links to Asian studies programs, grants, and bibliographies. Scroll to **Education About Asia**, the journal for secondary school, college, and university instructors to find sample articles, supplemental materials, and web gleanings.

H-Asia: Asian History and Studies

www.h-net.org/~asia

A site to test new ideas and share tools and pedagogy on teaching about Asia; this is an international electronic discussion group with downloadable discussions, syllabi, bibliographies, etc. Explore **Discssion Logs, Threads, Resources, Links** and **Journals**. Supported by Michigan State University, NEH, and the Japan Foundation.

Primary Source

www.primarysource.org

Provides seminars and resources for K–12 teachers in history. Research Chinese studies by clicking **Resources** for **Online Curriculum** (The Chinese Dragon, A Chinese Bestiary, Inventions & Technology, Contemporary Chinese Peasant Painting). Go to **Programs by Region** for study tours, publications, weblinks, and Chinese Language Teachers Network.