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TIP- NCTA 2013
China

Standards addressed:

OH: Social Studies (2010) OH: Grade 7 Geography

Human Systems

14. Trade routes connecting Africa, Europe and Asia fostered the spread of technology and major world religions.

OH: Social Studies (2010) OH: Grade 6 History

Early Civilizations

2. Early civilizations (India, Egypt, China and Mesopotamia) with unique governments, economic systems, social structures, religions, technologies and agricultural practices and products flourished as a result of favorable geographic characteristics. The cultural practices and products of these early civilizations can be used to help understand the Eastern Hemisphere today.

Length: 4 (45 minute) class periods

Day 1:

1. Bellwork: TSW answer on a sticky note the pros and cons of living near a river.
2. Discuss answers a class. Read “China’s Geography” from Journey Across Time (chapter 7 section1).
3. Handout blank maps of China. TSW complete outline maps of modern-day China.

Day 2:

1. Bellwork: Homework check/go over maps of China as a class
2. Watch BrainPop video of the Silk Road.
3. Show pictures of the Silk Road modern day and discuss its importance.

Day 3:

1. Bellwork: KWL chart about Buddhism (one of the religions passed along on the Silk Road) on the whiteboard
2. Watch Schlessinger Media’s “What is Buddhism” DVD- complete guided worksheet (optional, various questions taken from teachers guide that accompanies DVD)

Day 4:

1. Bellwork: Handout guest speaker worksheets
2. Listen to guest speaker from Buddhist temple speak
3. Complete the following questions for homework: a. Who was the guest speaker?
B. What did (s)he speak about? C. What were two things you learned? D. What was your favorite part? E. Do you have any other questions about the topic?

Materials needed:

Journey Across Time textbook

Blank maps of China handout class set

BrainPop video access, computer/SmartBoard

Silk Road pictures to project/discuss

White board/markers

Schlessinger Media's "What is Buddhism"

"What is Buddhism" guided reading worksheets, class set

Guest Speaker worksheets, class set

Resources:

* *Journey Across Time* textbook- 2008 edition

<http://members.wabash.net/~northclay/ncjhs/textbooks/JourneyAcrossTime/PDF/docs/chap07.pdf>

*BrainPop.com search for video of the Silk Road

*Schlessinger Media – "What is Buddhism" DVD