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Purpose

- To introduce my sixth grade students to China. A web quest is an educational and fun way to begin a new unit.
- To understand early civilizations.
- By using technology with the web, students are immersed in searching for information, gaining experience in research.

Class and Students

- I teach all 6th grade students the Social Studies curriculum in our district.
- I teach the 6th grade indicators required by our school system.
- Students have a wide range of ability and interests.
- L.D., Gifted, and E.D. students are in my class.

Length of Lesson

4-5 days

- This lesson will take place in the computer lab and social studies room.
- I plan on two 45 minute periods to complete the research.
- I will use a day in class to allow students to make their presentations for the class.
- One 45 minute class period to present the 5 dynasties.

State of Ohio Sixth Grade Social Studies Content Standards

People in Societies

1. Compare the cultural practices and products of the society

History

3. Describe the early cultural development of humankind

Social Studies Skills and Methods

1. Use multiple sources to define essential vocabulary and obtain information
3. Organize information using outlines and graphic organizers
7. Work effectively to achieve group goals

**Web Quest
on
China's
Dynasties**

Introduction

You are a reporter for the *Geauga Gazette*, Ohio's finest online newspaper. You and your group will travel back into time and research a dynasty. With your group members you will put together a presentation for the class on the dynasty chosen. You may make a power point presentation or use my overheads and markers for your presentation.

The Assignment

- 1) Choose an Era in Ancient Chinese history to travel to and report on.
- 2) Follow the time traveling links set out for you to research and observe that area of Chinese Culture or History. Use the travel log available from me to record your findings. Each student is responsible for finding information.
- 3) Report back to your fellow reporters to share your findings. Compare findings and compile answers to questions.
- 4) Together, decide how you would like to present the material your group researched, to the class.

The Dynasties

- Once your group has been assigned to an Era each of you will go to that page and will be connected to web pages that will answer questions pertaining to the dynasty chosen.

Xia Dynasty

Chou or Zhou Dynasty

Han Dynasty

Shang Dynasty

Sh'in or Qin Dynasty

Xia Dynasty

- You have chosen to visit the Xia dynasty You have chosen to research the earliest period of known history in Ancient China. Because this Era is so very ancient you will have to dig deep for facts about the ancient Xia Civilization and the people who lived in it. Good Luck! Look over the questions on the next page. Then follow the links on the page after to complete your travel log, answering the following questions about the Xia Dynasty.

Questions to Consider for Xia Dynasty

- What types of places did they live in?
- During what years did this Era occur?
- What, if any subsistence strategies did they use (Ex: farming, hunting, etc.)?
- Did they have a leader? Who was he or she? What was he or she like as a leader?
- Who was "Jie the Tyrant"? Did he really exist?
- Did they follow a religion or certain philosophy?
- Would you like to have lived during the Xia Dynasty in Ancient China? Why or why not?
- Other interesting facts or stories from the Xia Era in Ancient China.

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Links to the Xia Dynasty

<http://66.111.36.90/pages/culture/legends/jie.html>

<http://china.mrdonn.org/early.html>

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/favicon.ico>

<http://www.yutopian.com/history/xia.html>

<http://www.chinavoc.com/history/xia.htm>

<http://www.chinaknowledge.de/History/Myth/prehistory.html>

Shang Dynasty

- You have chosen to visit the shang dynasty
Some say that the Shang Dynasty was one of the most important periods of history in Ancient China. Enjoy your trip and the wonderful Civilization of the Shang Dynasty. Good Luck!
Look over the questions on the next page. Then follow the links on the page after to complete your travel log, answering the following questions about the Shang Dynasty

Questions to consider for the Shang Dynasty

- What types of places did they live in?
- During what years did this Era occur?
- What, if any subsistence strategies did they use (Ex: farming, hunting, etc.)?
- Did they have a leader? Who was their leader? What were they like as a leader?
- What was the Oracle Bone? Who found it and when?
- Did they follow a religion or certain philosophy?
- Would you like to live during the Shang Dynasty in Ancient China? Why or why not?
- Other interesting facts or stories from the Shang Era in Ancient China?

Links to the Shang Dynasty

<http://china.mrdonn.org/shang&chou.html>

<http://www.monterey.k12.ca.us/~lagunita/China/chinashang.html>

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/history/shang/>

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/eastasian/starrnews/oracle_bones.html

<http://www.chinaknowledge.de/History/Myth/shang.html>

Chou/Zhou Dynasty

- You have chosen to visit the chou/zhou dynasty What was it like during the Chou/Zhou Era in Ancient China? It is your mission to find out. Good Luck! Look over the questions on the next page. Then follow the links on the page after to complete your travel log, answering the following questions about the Chou/Zhou Dynasty.

Questions to consider for the Chou/Zhou Dynasty

- What types of places did they live in?
- During what years did this Era occur?
- What, if any subsistence strategies did they use (Ex: farming, hunting, etc.)?
- Did they have a leader? Who was their leader? What were they like as a leader?
- Did they have any art? If so what was it like?
- Did they follow a religion or certain philosophy?
- Would you like to have lived during the Chou/Zhou Dynasty of Ancient China? Why or why not?
- Other interesting facts or stories from the Chou/Zhou Era in Ancient China?

Links to the Chou/Zhou Dynasty

<http://china.mrdonn.org/shang&chou.html>

<http://www.wsu.edu/~dee/ANCCHINA/CHOU.HTM>

http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rauhn/anc_china.htm

<http://www.chinaknowledge.de/History/Zhou/zhou.html>

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/china/religion/index.htm>

Qin / Ch'in Dynasty

- You have chosen to visit the Qin/Ch'in dynasty. What was the Qin or Ch'in Dynasty of Ancient China like? Your mission is to find out so you can be an expert and teach your fellow time travelers. Good Luck! Look over the questions on the next page. Then follow the links on the page after to complete your travel log, answering the following questions about the Quin / Ch'in Dynasty.

Questions to consider for the Qin / Ch'in Dynasty

- What types of places did they live in?
- During what years did this Era occur?
- What, if any subsistence strategies did they use (Ex: farming, hunting, etc.)?
- Did they have a leader? Who was their leader? What were they like as a leader?
- * What is the Terracotta Army ?
- Did they follow a religion or certain philosophy?
- Would you like to live during the Qin/Ch'in Dynasty in Ancient China? Why or why not?
- Other interesting facts or stories from the Ch'in/Qin Era in Ancient China?
- * What is the Terracotta Army ?

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Qin/Ch'in

Dynasty Links <http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/models/chinahist/qin.html>

<http://www.chinaknowledge.de/History/Han/qin.html>

<http://www.asianartmall.com/dqin.htm>

<http://china.mrdonn.org/qin.html>

http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/prehistory/china/early_imperial_china/qin.html

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/history/qin/>

The Han Dynasty

- You have chosen to visit the Han Dynasty. You are going to be the researcher of the Han Dynasty, one of the later Dynasties of Ancient China. Much was happening in China during the Han Dynasty, it is up to you to research this Era and teach it to your fellow reporters. Good Luck! Look over the questions on the next page. Then follow the links on the page after to complete your travel log, answering the following questions about the Han Dynasty.

Questions to Consider for the Han Dynasty

- What types of places did they live in?
- During what years did this Era occur?
- What, if any subsistence strategies did they use (Ex: farming, hunting, etc.)?
- Did they have a leader? Who was their leader? What were they like as a leader?
- What is the Han Dynasty of Ancient China best known for today?
- Did they follow a religion or certain philosophy?
- Would you like to live during the Han Dynasty in Ancient China? Why or why not?
- Other interesting facts or stories from the Han Era in Ancient China?

Links to the Han Dynasty

<http://www.chinaknowledge.de/History/Han/han.html>

<http://china.mrdonn.org/han.html>

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0402/feature1/index.html>

http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/prehistory/china/early_imperial_china/han.html

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