Chinese Characters- Our Names in Chinese

Target Group: 7th Grade World History Class

Objective: Students will learn how to make the Chinese characters found in their names.

Standards: History Benchmark B #2

Lesson Summary: Teacher will have students write their names in Chinese either on white canvas cloth using black paint or on paper using black permanent markers. This activity will be done at the end of the unit on Ancient China.

Teacher Portion: Teacher must first obtain the first, last and middle name of each student. From this point the teacher will go to the website http://chineseculture.about.com/library/name/blname.htm. This website has an abundance of English name in Chinese. Once you have found all the students name you are ready to begin.

1. Tell the students about the project. Then inform these that they will be given 15-20 minutes to practice the characters found in their name each week of the lesson.
2. Then the last week of the unit students will be given practice sheets of the Chinese Characters in their names every night for homework.
3. Block of 3 class periods for this lesson.
4. Day 1 teacher will use most of the period to demonstrate the process of writing a name on white canvas and then the process of write a name on paper.
5. From this point teacher will allow students to pick them tools either canvas or paper and label everything. Have students place all material in a bag that is labeled with their name.
6. Day 2- Teacher will have the room set up with each individual students supplies. Then allow students to make a one more time if they are nervous then allow then to work the entire period.
7. Make sure to allow time for clean up.
8. Day 3- Today have student look at their final product and decide on hoe they would like it to be displayed.

Resources for this Lesson
http://chineseculture.about.com/library/name/blname.htm