

Lesson Title: Tiananmen Square

Grade Level/Subject Area: 9-12 Social Studies

Curriculum: Boehm, Richard. Glencoe World Geography, National Geographic Society, Glencoe/McGraw Hill. 1997.

Time Allowed: 120 minutes. Will be used during the East Asia Unit which is a two week unit.

Prerequisite Skills:

1. Students must have basic computer skills.
2. Students must be able to log on and navigate a website.
3. Students should have knowledge on the following terms or concepts, communism, socialism, democracy, market economy, command economy, capitalism, revolution, human rights, culture, modernization, censorship, and The Bill of Rights.

Objectives for Lesson:

1. The learner will explain the Tiananmen Square incident of June 1989.
2. The learner will compare what it is to be an American Citizen (Democracy) vs. Chinese Citizen (Communism)
3. The learner will define and discuss the following terms; communism, socialism, democracy, market economy, command economy, capitalism, revolution, human rights, culture, modernization, censorship, and The Bill of Rights.

Teacher/Student Activities:

Teacher:

1. Discuss with the students the following terms and concepts: communism, socialism, democracy, market economy, command economy, capitalism, revolution, human rights, culture, modernization, censorship, and The Bill of Rights.
2. Have students go to <http://www.tsquare.tv/> to start the lesson.
3. Instruct students to answer the questions on the handout provided.
4. After all the students have had enough time to answer the questions they should break into small groups. Each group will share their findings with the class.

Student:

1. Students will read about the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 1989, the events leading up to the massacre, and the most recent anniversary commemoration.
2. Students will take a virtual tour of Tiananmen Square and describe the the links that appear on the artwork of Tiananmen Square and people there.
3. Students will look at travel sites relating to Tiananmen Square and answer questions relating to these sites.
4. The learner will complete the twelve questions on the worksheet Tiananmen Square.

Materials/Media Required:

1. Computer: Power Macintosh or IBM and Internet Access

