

Lesson on China
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Objective:

Students will research the three main religions in China and fill out the chart to compare the religions.

Audience:

7th grade but can be used by any

Standards:

OHIO'S NEW LEARNING STANDARDS I English Language Arts

RESEARCH TO BUILD AND PRESENT KNOWLEDGE

7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson:

Student Directions:

Fill in the chart for each religion in China with details found on the internet. Links to websites follow the chart for each religion.

	Confucianism	Daoism/Taoism (This is the same philosophy but in your searches you will see it both ways)	Buddhism
Who were the founders of the philosophy?			
What is the general definition of the religion? What are the goals of the			

philosophy?			
What is the method(s) to attain the goals set by the philosophy?			
List important terms related to the philosophy.			
What are important texts for that philosophy?			
What is the view of afterlife?			
What are cultural influences that are still seen today?			

This chart is was taken from a lesson plan book:

Brown, Waka Takahashi. *Religions and Philosophies in China: Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism*. Stanford: Leland Stanford Junior U Board of Trustees, 2002. Print.

You can use these or search on your own.

Confucianism websites:

- <http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/confucianism.htm>
- <http://ancienthistory.mrdonn.org/Confucius.html>
- <http://www.ushistory.org/civ/9e.asp>

Taoism

- <http://ancienthistory.mrdonn.org/Taoism.html>
- <http://www.ushistory.org/civ/9e.asp>
- <http://www.patheos.com/Library/Taoism/Origins/Beginnings>

Buddhism

- <http://www.ushistory.org/civ/8d.asp>
- <http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/buddhism.htm>
- <http://online.sfsu.edu/rone/Buddhism/footsteps.htm>

Websites that have all three:

- <http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinrelg.html>
- <http://www.warriortours.com/intro/religion.htm>
- <http://www.chinese-lessons.com/chinese/culture/religion.htm>