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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkRp7ne7UmU>
Video of Chinese Actress

Demographics

Age, where I live, where I am from, etc.

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Literature

Characters, Character Analysis, Gender Issues

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Nationalities and Ethnic Groups

- <http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/nationality/zhuang.htm> - Description of minorities in China. (English)

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3. BEAUTY AND AESTHETICS

Architecture: Famous Monuments

- http://www.airpano.ru/files/Seven_Wonders/2-2
360° tour of the Great Wall of China.
- <http://www.npm.gov.tw/vrmuseum/> 虚拟国立故宫博物馆
Website featuring a virtual tour of the National Gu Gong Museum in Taipei. Both Chinese-language and English versions are available.
- <https://www.chinahighlights.com/beijing/forbidden-city/>
Brief description in English for tourists who want to visit the Forbidden City.

Art

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Artistic Heritage (folk art, crafts)

- <http://www.npm.gov.tw/dm2001/B/index.htm>
Website displaying Chinese artwork.
- www.ncfta.gov.tw
National Center for Traditional Arts in Taiwan.

Fashion and Design

- <http://tw.fashion.yahoo.com/celeb-style/>
Blog with fashion designs worn by American and Taiwanese models and celebrities.
- <https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/china-history/top-10-ancient-chinese-clothing-popular-in-ancient-china/#10> Tunics like long t-shirt Xia Dynasty
Website describing typical Chinese ancient clothing in English.

Film

- <http://tw.omg.yahoo.com/microfilm/>
Site with snippets from a variety of current motion pictures and entertainment news.
- <http://viewdrama.com/drama/lets-shake-it/watch/>

<p>Website with episodes from “Let’s Shake it,” a series about an alien who falls to earth and takes over the body of a young woman from the Tang dynasty. She falls in love with the son of the emperor in the midst of a power struggle.</p>
<p>Literature</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Music</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBTUDJBDWzw Video of song from “Let’s shake it,” the story of an alien who falls to earth and takes the body of a young Tang woman.
<p>Physical Characteristics Personality traits Colors</p>
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4. GLOBAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Animals

- <http://web.unep.org/zh-hans>
United Nations Environment Program. It contains many resources for studying environmental issues in China and the rest of the world.

Conservation

- <http://web.unep.org/zh-hans>
United Nations Environment Program. It contains many resources for studying environmental issues in China and the rest of the world. Web site of the United Nations Environment Program. It contains information on environmental protection.
- <http://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/simp/chinese-news-38473312>
Discussion on the topic of banning the trade in ivory.

Countries and Capitals

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Current Events

- <http://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/simp>
BBC in simplified Chinese
- <https://www.pixnet.net/>
Website with new and articles in Chinese

Economic Issues

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89Eh1rUPtrg&feature=share> 新丝绸之路
Site with a series of videos taken from the documentary, *The Silk Road*.

Education

- http://www.whatkidscando.org/China_site/our_school.html - Project where students introduce their school with audio in Chinese.
- <https://www.classbase.com/Countries/china/Education-System>
English description of Chinese educational system

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-36457453 Article on the “gaokao,” the high stakes high school graduation test in China in English.
Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://web.unep.org/zh-hans United Nations Environmental Program Information on environmental issues in China and the rest of the world.
Food
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://store.twsfood.com/ Website that contains videos of popular stores in Taiwan. • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCqYUKPNCuq Video from the Chinese documentary, <i>A Bite of China</i>. The videos show the preparation of different kinds of food eaten in the various regions of China.
Geography
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/geography/ Map showing highlights of China • https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3206 Interactive map of Chinese provinces • http://www.airpano.com/Search-Panorama-Results.php?search_form=China&submit_search=Search Website with 360° photographs of areas and monuments of China. • https://www.google.com/maps/place/China/@35.780287,104.1361118,4z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x31508e64e5c642c1:0x951daa7c349f366f!8m2!3d35.86166!4d104.195397 Google maps of China
Governments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.businessinsider.com/5-maps-that-explain-chinas-strategy-2016-1/#ethnolinguistic-groups-1 Opinion about Chinese political strategies

Habitats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://page.renren.com/601185013 地理中国人人主页 Chinese equivalent of a Facebook page for the TV program, <i>Chinese Geography</i>.
Human Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Immigration / Migration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Land Forms (lake, river, mountain, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.spinfold.com/geography-facts-about-china/ Various facts about China
Poverty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Social Issues (not previously listed, i.e., drugs, etc)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Transportation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://itunes.apple.com/tw/app/id398452157?mt=8 – Apple App download that can be used to find directions in Taipei city and see actual streets. • https://tinyurl.com/ya4c9usa Metro map of Shanghai

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5. INTERDISCIPLINARY / STEM

Weather, Numbers, Calendar, Time

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_C5SmWwI54
Weather forecast in Chinese
- <https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/china/beijing>
Website for searching time and weather in cities around the world.

Art

Artists of the Target Culture, Artwork, Crafts

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C6m3aKjzLk>
Video on Chinese shadow puppetry. Chinese subtitles with English narrative.
- <http://www.comuseum.com/painting/>
Overview of several Chinese art forms in English
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-asia/imperial-china>
Khan academy lesson on the art of China in English

Body Parts

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Health and Fitness

- <https://news.cnyes.com/news/id/4003922?exp=b>
Tips for health concerns

Healthcare

Ethical Considerations

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History

Historical Figures, Historical Sites, Timelines, Historic Event

- <http://www.everyculture.com/Bo-Co/China.html>
History and Customs of China in English

Home Economics (Menus, Cookbooks, Food)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-food/chinese-food-type.htm English travel guide to all types of Chinese foods • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2a3N03v7UU Video on Chinese Cuisine Training Institute. Subtitles in Chinese and English with English narration • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmG0Wdk2k6I Video of Chinese master chef. He speaks Chinese with subtitles in Chinese and English (Cantonese)
<p>Literature Literary Genre, Literary Text Elements, Characterization, Literacy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6BFCD124132E038C. Youtube playlist that shows how Chinese characters developed from simple pictures. • http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php Online dictionary that can be used to research vocabulary words, phrases, and Chinese characters. It can be helpful to students at all levels of Chinese proficiency. • http://stroke-order.learningweb.moe.edu.tw/character.do Interactive Web site devoted to helping students practice writing Chinese characters. • http://kids.coa.gov.tw/ibook.php. Website with a variety of Chinese-language books.
<p>Mathematics Geometric Shapes, Statistics</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://sites.google.com/site/arkansasworldlanguages/documents/chinese-mandarin-resources Math lessons in Chinese
<p>Music</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Science and Technology (Technological Advances, Technology Skills, Access to Technology, Science Experiments, Astronomy, Biomes, Anatomy and Physiology,</p>

Personal Technologies)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://sites.google.com/site/arkansasworldlanguages/documents/chinese-mandarin-resources Science lessons in Chinese • https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/06/10-astounding-facts-to-help-you-understand-china-today/ Website documenting China's surge in technology in English
Social Studies Landmarks, Maps, Imports, Exports
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6. CONTEMPORARY LIFE
Clothing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://tw.fashion.yahoo.com/celeb-style/ Fashion designs worn by American and Taiwanese models and other celebrities.
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Entertainment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://tw.mag.cnyes.com/ Website that provides a wide variety of magazine articles from Taiwan and China. • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1FaTHowuHk Video of popular Chinese songs with lyrics in pinyin
Hobbies and Pastimes
Activities
Things I like to Do
•
Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://america.cqtn.com/2015/08/18/see-how-this-old-chinese-house-got-a-major-modern-makeover Photos showing make-over of old Chinese home. Can use with vocabulary, but also shows how many live in small spaces. • https://blogs.transparent.com/chinese/culture-shock-in-china-apartments/ Blog in English about renting an apartment in China, but there is also a video in Chinese about apartment rental that has subtitles in pin yin and characters.
Life Related Decisions and Goals
•
Popular Culture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://musicacrossasia.blogspot.com/2017/02/top-10-popular-chinese-songs-2017.html Website contains videos of popular Chinese songs

- <http://advertising.chinasmack.com/2015/chinese-netspeak-as-inspiration-for-marketing-and-communications.html>

Website on the new China in English

- <https://www.kkbox.com/my/en/charts/chinese-daily-song-latest.html>

Audio of top 100 Mandarin songs. Click on album to see a description of the album in Chinese.

- <https://www.guidesify.com/blog/2017/03/26/111-chinese-songs-love-listen/>

Website with videos of popular Chinese songs. “SuperStar” has lyrics on official video.

Travel

Tourism

- <http://www.cnto.org/better-behavior-urged-chinese-tourists/>

Website on travel in China and advice for Chinese tourists traveling abroad

- <https://www.chinahighlights.com/tour/>

Popular website for travel in China

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7. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Advertising

- <http://advertising.chinasmack.com/2014/online-videos-show-chinese-persepctive-on-american-car-brand.html> -
Ads in China for American Cars. Ads in Chinese with English subtitles. Shows how products now adapt to the country where they are being sold.
- <https://advertising.chinasmack.com/2012/bennana-digital-campaign-is-a-whimsical-online-experience.html>
Very successful ad campaign for BenNaNa ice cream by Nestle.

Bias in the Media

- <http://view.news.qq.com/zt2012/foreigner/index.htm> 外国人在中国专题报道
Website with reports on the activities of foreigners living in China and their observations on Chinese society.
- <https://qz.com/1036479/visiting-china-upended-my-misconceptions-about-developing-countries/>
Article in English about how bias affects the view of China.

Censorship

Sensationalism in the media

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Global perspective

- <http://business.sohu.com/s2005/globalization.shtml> 全球化
Website discussing the impact of globalization on China in Chinese
- https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/china-leader-globalization-us_58753fe8e4b02b5f858ba6ce
Article on China now being leader in Globalization in English.

Internet Messages

- <http://tech.qq.com/subject/kj15.htm> 网络语言你知多少? 专题报道
Website that collects the newest Internet language used by the younger generation in China.

Mail / letters

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Radio / TV / Movies / Theatre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.vscinemas.com.tw/ Chinese movie theater site containing movie schedules and movie trailers. Beginning students can practice their Chinese by looking up the times and dates of the movies. Also, the teacher can ask students to role play by inviting a friend out to see a movie and then negotiating the date and time of the movie they want to see. More advanced learners can be asked to translate one of the movie trailers. • https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/radio-taiwan/id406292096?mt=8 – Apple store app: Site that enables students who have access to an iPhone or Android phone to listen to Taiwanese radio stations.
Social Media
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.weibo.com 微博 Chinese equivalent of Twitter. • http://www.renren.com/SysHome.do 人人网 Chinese equivalent of Facebook.

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8. CAREER CONNECTIONS

- [ACTFL 21st Century Skills Map for World Languages](#)
List of communicative activities that align with 21st skills for the World Language classroom.

9. CLASSROOM PORTALS

Sample Lessons from Annenberg Learner

- <http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html?discipline=3&grade=0>
- [http://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines\[\]=FL](http://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines[]=FL)
- [http://www.learner.org/interactives/?disciplines\[\]=FL](http://www.learner.org/interactives/?disciplines[]=FL)

Lesson plans and instructional strategies for world language teachers. Also includes links to French, Spanish, and ESL video series.

Sample Lessons from Startalk

- <https://startalk.umd.edu/resources/>
Resources on curriculum design, instructional materials, assessment tools, and useful links. Although site is designed for critical languages, materials are relevant and usable by any world language teacher.
- http://asiasociety.org/china-learning-initiatives/teq-series?utm_source=Chinese+Language+Initiatives&utm_campaign=606251595e-471f06bc9d-606251595e-386298530
Chinese Language Matters January 2016 21 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_471f06bc9d-606251595e-386298530
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