WORLD LANGUAGE



6th Grade Chinese Immersion STEAM UNIT 1

Beauty and Aesthetics: Visual Arts and Calligraphy

Chinese MS (6th Grade) | Intermediate Low and Novice High | MS 5-6 Weeks

ESSENTIAL QUESTION B

BIG IDEAS

- What are the major forms of visual arts in Chinese culture? What is their importance?
- Students use the target language to understand and communicate about:
 - the major themes in Chinese painting.
 - the key features of Chinese calligraphy.
 - the purposes of Chinese paper cutting.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- talk about the characteristics of Chinese painting?
- discuss the similarities and differences between Chinese and Western painting?
- share details about the key features of Chinese calligraphy, and about the life of the famous calligrapher Wang Xizhi?
- describe the purposes of Chinese paper cutting?
- describe a form of Chinese visual art by presenting a selected artist and his/her creation?

FOCUS STANDARDS

COMMUNICATION Communicating effectively using the Interpersonal, Interpretive & Presentational Modes

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CULTURES

Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

- **Product:** paintings, calligraphy, paper cutting
- Practice: celebrating traditions related to Chinese Spring Festival
- **Perspective:** In China, traditional artists tend to depict persons, landscapes, and flowers in their paintings.

CONNECTIONS	 Making Connections to Other Disciplines Arts Social Studies History 	A •
COMPARISONS	Language ComparisonsExpressing purpose	C •

COMMUNITIES School & Global Communities

• Share artwork that you appreciate

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

 Interpreting authentic resources to better understand the viewpoints of people in Chinese-speaking countries

Cultural Comparisons

• Chinese vs. Western style painting

Lifelong Learning

• Self assess progress toward unit goal

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6th Grade Chinese Immersion STEAM UNIT 2

Science and Technology: Transportation and

Architecture

Chinese MS (6th Grade) | Intermediate Low and Novice High | MS 5-6 Weeks

ESSENTIAL QUESTION BIG IDEAS

How do people get around in China? How are architecture and housing in China different from those in my community? Students use the target language to understand and communicate about:

- transportation methods used in Ancient China.
- development of infrastructure and transportation in recent years.
- seven architectural systems in China.
- similarities and differences between housing in China and housing in my community.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How do I use language to

- talk about the modes of transportation used in Ancient China?
- describe the development of transportation in China in recent years?
- explain the seven architectural systems in China?
- introduce the types of housing commonly found in China and in my community?

FOCUS STANDARDS

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CULTURES

Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

- Product: seven architectural systems
- **Practice:** In China, high population density and the lack of space influence people's housing options.
- **Perspective:** reflection of the family ideal in the use of multigenerational housing

CONNECTIONS Making Connections to Other Disciplines

- Architecture
- Engineering

COMPARISONS Language Comparisons

• Giving directions

COMMUNITIES

- School & Global Communities
- Share your thoughts on different housing options

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

• Interpreting authentic resources to better understand the viewpoints of people in Chinese-speaking countries

Cultural Comparisons

• Principal modes of transportation in China and in the U.S.

Lifelong Learning

• Self assess progress toward unit goal

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6th Grade Chinese Immersion STEAM UNIT 3

Contemporary Life: Sports and Leisure Activities

Chinese MS (6th Grade) | Intermediate Low and Novice High | MS 5-6 Weeks

• a sports competition event.

Students use the target language to understand and communicate about:

popular sports and leisure activities in China and in the U.S.

the importance and benefits of playing sports.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION BIG IDEAS

What are popular sports and leisure activities in China? What are the benefits for participating in sports and other

GUIDING QUESTIONS

activities?

How do I use language to

- talk about the sports and leisure activities that people enjoy in China?
- compare the popular sports and activities in China and in the U.S.?
- share the activities that I enjoy?
- describe a sports competition event?
- explain the importance and benefits of playing sports?

FOCUS STANDARDS

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CULTURES

Relating Cultural Practices & Products to Perspectives

- **Product:** Chinese school sports competition
- Practice: Sports and exercise in Chinese schools
- **Perspective:** In China, people practice different sports and activities for a variety of benefits.

CONNECTIONS Making Connections to Other Disciplines Physical Education Social Studies COMPARISONS Language Comparisons Expressing comparisons Expressing comparisons COMMUNITIES School & Global Communities Sharo your experience participating in

• Share your experience participating in sports competitions

Acquiring Information & Diverse Viewpoints

• Interpreting authentic resources to better understand the viewpoints of people in Chinese-speaking countries

Cultural Comparisons

• Sports in China and in the U.S.

Lifelong Learning

• Self assess progress toward unit goal