



Pathfinder: Ancient China

This pathfinder is to help you with research for Ancient China for your World Perspectives class

Search Tools: When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

Terms and Keywords: Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try word(s) to find your subject like 'Great Wall of China'. If you choose just 'China' just remember to use the index in the back of the book to look up specific terms and subjects. The following are some keywords you can use in your research:

- Chinese Mythology
- Chinese Art
- Great Wall of China
- Terra Cotta Army
- Foot Binding

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- 951 is the China section
- 937 is where you find Ancient China items

- 299.51 the Chinese Mythology area
- 641.5951 Chinese food and recipes
- 915.1 Travel guides for China

Reference Materials to Use: The books with **reference** stickers cannot be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your works cited page. Here are a few of the books we have that are reference on China

- REF 951.05 CHI *China Today*
- REF 930 EXP *Exploring Ancient Civilizations*
- REF 641.3 JUN *Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of foods and recipes of the World*
- REF 201.3 UXL UXL *Encyclopedia of World Mythology*

Internet Resources: When you google a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website. Most websites with the suffix .edu and .org are reliable. Make sure the .com sites are credible, if they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are a few good sites:

- <http://china.mrdonn.org/> Ancient China for kids
- <http://www.history.com/topics/great-wall-of-china> History on the Great Wall of China
- www.mythencyclopedia.com/Ca-Cr/Chinese-Mythology.html Chinese mythology
- <http://www.crystalinks.com/china.html> General history

Additional Reading:

- *Wild Swans: three daughters of China* by Jung Chang
- *The Red Chamber* by Pauline Chen
- *Bound* by Donna Jo Napoli
- *Peony in Love* by Lisa See
- *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
- *Life Along the Silk Road* by Susan Whitfield
- *Cixi: Evil Empress of China* by Sean Stewart