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The Rise and Fall of the First Emperor

The unification of China and the ending of centuries of war are depicted through this presentation about the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huangdi (ruled 221-210 BCE). Students get to play the roles of influential characters during the Qin Dynasty and experience how society operated during Legalist rule



2

Pre-20th Century Chinese contributions to science and technology

Students discover how ancient Chinese technology changed the world. With inventions like paper, gunpowder, and the compass, China was an early global leader in technology. Students will examine the scientific principles behind select Chinese inventions, and learn how their spread revolutionized the ancient world.



3

The Art of Chinese Calligraphy

Through this popular CEP, students learn about the concept of language and how writing is a universal communication tool. They'll learn to count in Chinese and to be able to recognize the symbols for number through demonstration and practice.



4

Traditions of the Chinese Lunar New Year

This CEP is based on the tale of how the Chinese zodiac came to be. We will also discuss the Chinese tradition of having a New Year's eve dinner, placing a couplet at the door, using fire-crackers, and saying auspicious phrases during Chinese New Year period.



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Early San Diego Chinese American History

Through this presentation, students will trace the journey of early Chinese immigrants who fled warfare and famine in the declining Qing Dynasty, to labor under discrimination and exclusion in the United States. They'll witness how subsequent generations served and suffered in WWII, and see how a new wave of immigration and progress toward equality followed.

