ASIA BASICS

Asia for Educators (AFE)
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/
A resource site for teachers developed by Columbia University’s East Asian Curriculum Project (EACP), AFE is a national initiative devoted to supporting Asia at the secondary and elementary levels. Focusing primarily on China and Japan, the site features classroom materials and faculty guides for educators that can be viewed by Subject Area (art, language…), File Type (timelines, maps…), or Time Period. Under View by Subject Area, categories are further divided into Teaching Units (Art, for example, features teaching units developed for AFE: Great Bronze Age of China and Guide to Chinese Painting); Resource List (visual materials to purchase from Museums); and Web Links (online lessons developed by Museums and Universities). Another resource on the home page is Featured Units which includes The Mongols in World History; The Song Dynasty in China; and The Tale of Gengi.

Asia in the Curriculum
http://asiainthecurriculum.org
A site to allow discussion and facilitate exchange about curricula and teaching materials, professional development opportunities, conferences, speakers and events, grants, and job announcements. Feedback is addressed to Columbia University’s Asia for Educators and among the sponsoring organizations are ASIANetwork, National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools, and Committee on Teaching about Asia of the Association for Asian Studies.

ASIANetwork
http://asianetwork.org
Focusing on undergraduate education, this consortium of North American colleges provides a newsletter, available on-line, for teaching about Asia--ASIANetwork Exchange; links to resources for teaching about Asia and language learning resources; special grant opportunities (such as Asian Art in the Undergraduate Curriculum) and conferences.

AskAsia; Asia Society
http://askasia.org
A K–12 resource of the Asia Society divided into several major categories: 1) teachers with lesson plans, essays, maps, images and international studies resource directory; 2) students with resources and contexts for exploring global issues (current events, contests, language, culture, and news; and 3) kids which provides stories, art and introductory language lessons. In addition, this site includes links to Chinese Language in the Schools (www.askasia.org/chinese) complete with information on conferences, handbooks for teaching, and a newsletter; also includes schools teaching Chinese, how to start a language program, teach Chinese, access resources, and share information. Lastly, a link through http://asiasociety.org to Education & Learning (or www.InternationalEd.org) includes current resources on international studies, state
initiatives, and national coalitions along with annotated links to a wide range of programs.

**Association for Asian Studies**
www.aasianst.org
For all interested in Asian studies, this site provides information about area councils and conferences with quick links to Asian studies programs, grants, and bibliographies. Scroll to **Education About Asia**, the journal for secondary school, college, and university instructors to find sample articles, supplemental materials, and web gleanings.

**H-Asia: Asian History and Studies**
www.h-net.org/~asia
A site to test new ideas and share tools and pedagogy on teaching about Asia; this is an international electronic discussion group with downloadable discussions, syllabi, bibliographies, etc. Explore **Discussion Logs, Threads, Resources, Links** and **Journals**. Supported by Michigan State University, NEH, and the Japan Foundation.

**Primary Source**
www.primarysource.org