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JAPAN

Japan - Feature Films

Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
Big Bird in Japan	1991	A musical adventure - Big Bird and Barkley the Dog traveling through Japan.	Children's Television Workshop	60 min	K-12
Black Rain	1988	This is a Cannes Film Festival award-winning movie about humanity and survival after the 1945 atomic horror of Hiroshima. The film chronicles the shocked survivors as they struggle with radiation sickness and rebuild their shattered lives. It is based on the book by Ibuse Masujii, History: World War II and Hiroshima.	Shohei Imamura	123 min	13-16+
The Burmese Harp	1956	The action takes place in Burma, where the Japanese army is collapsing at the end of World War II. A soldier who plays the Burmese harp, after being wounded and separated from his combat unit, is nursed back to health.	Kon Ichikawa	116 min	9-16+
Chushingura: The Loyal 47 Retainers	1962, improved 1998	2 tapes - Set in 1701, this film recounts one of Japan's most famous historical events. Forty-seven faithful samurai seek revenge for the forced suicide of their lord.	East-West Classics	207 min	13-16+
Dreams	1990	"Man is genius when he is dreaming." This film consists of eight episodes exploring the costs of war, the perils of nuclear power, and humankind's need to harmonize with nature.	Akira Kurosawa	120 min	9-16+
Firefly Dreams (DVD)	2001	This film focuses on some of the dramatic changes in modern Japanese family life. The lead character is a 17 year old "city brat" who spends the summer in a mountainous "onsen" region and becomes very friendly with an older woman and former actress. It is touching and certainly gorgeous in its betrayal of the the mountains north of Nagoya.	John Williams	105 min.	9-16+
Kagemusha	1980	An epic drama of feudal conflict in 16th century Japan. This film won the 1980 Cannes Film Festival grand prize as well as two Academy Award Nominations.	Akira Kurosawa	160 min	9-16+
The Last Samurai, DVD	2003	Tom Cruise plays Civil War hero Capt. Nathan Algren, who comes to Japan to fight the Samurai and ends up pledging himself to their cause. Ken Watanabe plays Katsumoto, a Samurai leader facing a vanishing way of life, whose destiny becomes intertwined with that of the American captain. Is an improbable Hollywood account of 16th century Japan.	Warner Bros.		9-16+
Linda, Linda, Linda (DVD)	2005	This film focuses on preparations for the annual high school festival, a strong tradition in Japan. The stars are the members of a rock band who are trying to find a replacement for their vocalist. The film provides an excellent perspective on Japanese teen-agers with a valuable overlay of tension involving a Korean exchange student who joins the band as vocalist.	Viz Pictures, Inc	114 Min	9-13
Living on Tokyo Time	mid '80s	After a failed romance, a young Japanese woman goes to New York and quickly marries a Japanese-American man in order to obtain a green card.	Steven Okazaki	120 min	13-16+
MacArthur's Children	1984	An affectionate and humorous view of the war's end on a small Japanese island. Portrays the arrival of American soldiers.	Masahiro Shinoda	115 min	9-16+

	The Magnificent Seven (DVD)	1960	This needs to be seen after viewing the Seven Samurai and is truly a Western cowboy version of this Japanese film.	John Sturges	2 hrs. 8 min.	9-16+
	Mr. Baseball (4 copies)	1992	Tom Selleck stars in this hilarious comedy about an arrogant and aging major-league baseball player who attempts to revive his career by signing to play in Japan.	Fred Schepisi	1 h. 48 min.	7-16+
	Nobody Knows (DVD)	2004	A young mother leaves her four children alone and they must figure out how to survive.	Kore-Eda Hirokazu	2 hrs. 19min	11-16+
	Ran	1985	This Academy award-winning film is an epic retelling of Shakespeare's King Lear set in the rich history of 16th century Japan.	Akira Kurosawa	160 min	9-16+
	Rashomon	1950	This films depicts four different narrators' description of the same brutal act: a woman's rape and her husband's subsequent death. Won the Academy Award for best foreign language film.	Akira Kurosawa	83 min	9-16+
	Red Beard	1965	Kurosawa's "monument to the goodness of man" chronicles the tumultuous and touching relationship that develops between a vain young doctor and a compassionate clinic director. Venice Film Festival: Best Actor (Toshiro Mifune), Catholic Film Office Award.	Akira Kurosawa	179 min	9-16+
	Rhapsody in August	1991	Focuses on the different perspectives of intra-familial and intergenerational Japanese and Japanese-American family members. Stars Richard Gere.	Akira Kurosawa	91 min	7-16+
	Samurai I: Musashi Miyamoto	1955	Academy-award winning film; part of the Samurai Trilogy. This stunning film follows the formative years of Japan's most famous swordsman, as he goes off to a civil war in search of glory but finds defeat and shame instead. He returns to his village a crazed outlaw, but is redeemed by the love of a girl and the spiritual healing of a Buddhist priest.	Hiroshi Inagaki	97 min	9-16+
	Sanjuro	1962	Watch <i>Yojimbo</i> first, since this film is a sequel. While in <i>Yojimbo</i> , Sanjuro was a figure of retribution in a town torn apart by violence, in <i>Sanjuro</i> he is more of a teacher, educating younger samurai about the things that really matter. A contemplative, beard-stroking Sanjuro is forever curbing the action-oriented yearnings of his pupils, while dealing with a plethora of bumbling sidekicks and villains (the menacing Tatsuya Nakadai excepted). The more complicated the situation gets, the better he likes it.	Akira Kurosawa	96 min	9-16+
	Seven Samurai	1954	An extraordinary tale of adventure, romance, humor, and suspense. Set in 16th century Japan, the plot revolves around seven mercenaries hired to defend a peasant community against marauding bandits. When the samurai arrive, a spectacular series of battles begins.	Akira Kurosawa	208 min	9-16+
	Shall We Dance? (3 copies)	1994	A Japanese workaholic's dull life takes an interesting turn when he signs up for ballroom dance classes to meet the attractive dance teacher.	Masyuki Soo	119 min	9-16+
	Shogun	1980	Based on James Clavell's novel <i>Shogun</i> , this version chronicles the adventures of a strong-willed English navigator who is shipwrecked in 16th century Japan.	James Clavell	120 min	9-12+

	The Taste of Tea (DVD)	2003	Meet the Harunos, a rather unconventional, but happy and loving family nonetheless. They live in a small town in the mountains just out of Tokyo where life is good and quiet - but that doesn't mean they don't have their own little problems. As 8-year old Sachiko (Maya Banno) tries to get rid of a giant version of herself who seems to pop up everywhere, her older brother Hajime (Takahiro Sato), privately wrestles with his love-struck heart. Meanwhile, their mother Yoshiko (Satomi Tezuka) is working hard, coming out of retirement as an animator, as her husband and professional hypnotist Nobuo (Tomokazu Miura) watches on with slight apprehension. Yoshiko's brother, Ayano (Tadanobu Asano) is just visiting his hometown and staying with the family, but also has a hidden agenda; he needs to come to terms with a romance that ended years ago. Even Nobuo's brother and successful manga artist Todoroki has his problems. It's his birthday soon and he wants to give himself something special. And lastly there's Grandpa, the most bizarre and perhaps the most perceptive of all, who continues to search for a better way to live life to the full. <i>Written, directed and edited by</i>	Katsuhito Ishii	143 min	
	A Taxing Woman	1987	Comedy. Ryoko is Tokyo's hardest working female tax inspector, whose innocent-looking, ruthless diligence is only matched by the intricate deceptions of Gondo, a tax cheat extraordinaire. Ryoko discovers that Gondo owns one of Tokyo's busiest "love hotels" and tries to audit him, but she is thwarted by his hilariously evasive maneuvers.	Juzo Itami	127 min	13-16+
	Tokyo Pop	mid '80s	Japanese-made satire about a blond American rock singer that goes to Japan to "make it big."	Kuzui Enterprises	120 min	13-16+
	Tokyo Story, DVD	1953	Yasujiro Ozu's Tokyo Story follows an aging couple, Tomi and Shukichi, on their journey from their rural village to visit their two married children in postwar Tokyo. Their reception, however, is disappointing: too busy to entertain them, their children send them off to the hot springs. One of Japan's greatest films.	Shochiku Co, Ltd.		9-16+
	Yojimbo (VHS & DVD)	1961	Directed by one of the world's best filmmakers, YOJIMBO deals with the escapades of an unemployed samurai. Along with ample sword play the film is also very humorous. This film was remade as A FISTFUL OF DOLLARS with Clint Eastwood.	Akira Kurosawa	110 min	9-16+

Japan - Animated Films

#	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	Barefoot Gen (DVD)	1983	This film is one of the most famous accounts of the Hiroshima bombing. It is difficult to watch but carries the somewhat hopeful "life must go on" message. A classic. Made in 1983 it is challenging to analyze the extent to which this represents a fair treatment of the events.	Keiji Nakazawa	83 min	16+
	Botchan	1994	Botchan sets out for his first teaching assignment. He never anticipated what would await him... English subtitles.	Natsume Soseki	52 min	K-12+

	Kiki's Delivery Service	2000	Kiki's Delivery Service is the story of magic and discovery. By the light of a full moon, Kiki, an enterprising young girl, must follow tradition to become a full fledged witch. Landing in the far-off city she sets up a high flying delivery service. Here begins a wonderful experience of independence and responsibility as she finds her place in the world.	Hayao Miyazaki	105 min.	4-12+
	Grave of the Fireflies (DVD)	1998	In the aftermath of a World War II bombing, two orphaned children struggle to survive in the Japanese countryside. Through desperation, hunger and grief, these children's lives are as heartbreakingly fragile as their spirit and love is inspiring. The cartoon is a tale of the true tragedy of war and innocence lost, not only of the abandoned young, but of the entire nation.	Isao Takahata	88 minutes	9-16+
	The Izu Dancer (Kawabata), Dancing Girl (Mori)	1986	The Izu Dancer is appropriate for grades 6-12. Touching story of the affection between an itinerant dancer and Tokyo student. Dancing Girl is more appropriate for older students, grades 11-14.	Koichi Motohashi	52 min	6-12, 11-14
	Kabuki Dance II: Bando Tamasaburo	2004	The work of Sagi Museum, "The Heron maiden", is one of the most popular and representative examples of pur dance in the Kabuki repertoire. It portrays the feelings, both happy and sad, of a young maiden in love.	Marty Gross Films		11-16+
	Millennium Actress (DVD)	2003	From Amazon.com: The second film by director Satoshi Kon and screenwriter Sadayuki Murai recalls <i>Perfect Blue</i> , but <i>Millennium Actress</i> is a more complex, subtle, and sophisticated work that evokes the history of Japanese cinema. After nearly 30 years of living in strict seclusion, the aged film star Chiyoko Fujiwara grants an interview to journalist Genya Tachibana. As their conversation begins, Kan intercuts scenes from Chiyoko's films with her memories of pursuing the mysterious artist she met as a young girl. Accompanied by his blasé cameraman, Tachibana finds himself within Chiyoko's memories and films, alternately observing and aiding the woman he adores. Kon's skillful direction and subtle use of color strengthen the intriguing story: Chiyoko's memories are rendered in shades of gray, with hints of muted color highlighting the overall composition. American viewers will find their appreciation of this shimmering, spiral narrative deepens with repeated viewings.	Satoshi Kon	1hr, 27 min	10-16+
	My Neighbor Totoro (3 copies)	1993	A wonderful fantasy film for all ages. Focuses on two sisters' encounters with forest-inhabiting creatures.	Ronald C. Meyer	87 min	K-12+
	Sound of the Waves: Parts 1 & 2 (VHS)	1986	Animated Classics of Japanese Literature	Mishima Yukio	52 min	k-12+
	Princess Mononoke (2 copies)	1999	Acclaimed adventure and environmental epic. Ashitika, a young warrior inflicted with a deadly curse, sets out to the forests of the west in search of the cure that will save his life. Voices by Claire Danes, Minnie Driver, Billy Bob Thurnton, and others.	Hayao Miyazaki	134 min	9-12+

	Spirited Away	2001	Spirited Away is a wondrous fantasy about a young girl, Chihiro, trapped in a strange new world of spirits. When her parents undergo a mysterious transformation, she must call on the courage she never knew she had to free herself and return her family to the outside world.	Hayao Miyazaki	125 min.	9-16+
	The Wind Rises & The Fruit of Olympus (VHS)	1994	Part of the "Animated Classics of Japanese Literature"	Hori Tatsuo; Tanaka Hidemitsu	52 min	

Japan - Documentary Films

	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	Aoi No Ue (DVD)	1930	This Noh drama is adapted from the 11th century TALE OF GENJI. This film was originally produced in the 1930's and has been restored on video for the first time. For those interested in classical Japanese theatre, this film represents a great resource.	Marty Gross Film Productions	30 min	11-16+
	AS Iwate Goes... Is politics local?	1989	This film documents a local Japanese Election	Jackson Bailey	28 min.	13-16+
	Asia Video Report: Japan - Arts & Crafts and Food	1997	Arts & Crafts focuses on juzu (a specially dyed fabric), origami, fan-making, and chochin (paper lanterns). Food focuses on wag-ashi (bean paste sweets), plastic food samples, edible art, soba, and instant noodles. Curriculum guide provided (shelved in the Japan Curriculum Materials)	Center for Educational Media	30 min	K-8
	Asia Video Report: Japan - Festivals & Holidays and Housing: Customs in Transition	1997	Festivals & Holidays focuses on an annual kite competition, fortune rakes, portable shinto shrines, fire festivals, and Ginza festival. Housing focuses on tatami, shoe removal, traditions in wood, imported homes and high tech housing. Curriculum guide provided. (shelved in the Japan Curriculum Materials)	Center for Educational Media	30min	K-8
	Asia Video Report: Japan - Food	1997	Food focuses on wag-ashi (bean paste sweets), plastic food samples, edible art, soba, and instant noodles. Curriculum guide provided. (shelved in the Japan Curriculum Materials)	Center for Educational Media	16	K-8
	Asia Video Report: Japan - Festivals & Holidays	1997	Festivals & Holidays focuses on an annual kite competition, fortune rakes, portable shinto shrines, fire festivals, and Ginza festival. Curriculum guide provided.	Center for Educational Media	14 min	K-8
	Asia Video Report: Japan - Housing	1997	Housing focuses on tatami, shoe removal, traditions in wood, imported homes and high tech housing. Curriculum guide provided. (shelved in the Japan Curriculum Materials)	Center for Educational Media	16 min	k-8
	Bunraku	1991	Music of Bunraku allows the viewer to experience the exotic drama of Bunraku, the puppet theater of Japan, and to understand its music. The artists are from the National Bunraku Theater in Osaka, Japan. Curriculum guide provided.	Dr. William Malm / Dr. Sidney Brown	28-30 min.	9-16
	Bunraku: Masters of Japanese Puppet Theater (DVD)	2004		Films for the Humanities and Sciences	53 min	
	Daimyo	1988	Daimyo explores and illustrates the paradoxical idea known as <i>bunbu-ryodo</i> , "the dual way of the pen and the sword," the unique interaction of martial tradition and civilian arts that was central to the shaping of daimyo culture.	Giant Step Productions in assoc. w. National Gallery of Art	30 min	9-16+

	Diamonds in the rough: The legacy of Japanese-American Baseball	2004	During WW II, 120,000 Japanese-Americans, including this program's host and narrator, Oscar-nominated actor Pat Morita were relocated to remote internment camps for the duration of the war. Behind the barbed wire, baseball helped many of these people survive this humiliating ordeal. one man, despite his small size, became a very big hero. his name was Kenichi Zenimura. Today, he is commonly referred to as "The Father of Japanese-American Baseball."	Chip Taylor Communications	25 minutes, Color and black and white	7-12
	Dream Window: Reflections on the Japanese Garden	1992	Reveals the secrets of both classical and contemporary Japanese gardens.	Smithsonian	57 min	13-16+
	The Essence of Being Japanese, DVD (2 copies)	2004	This program covers the cataclysmic events of the 20th century - the devastating earthquake of 1923, the rise of militarism, the accession of Emperor Hirohito, the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, the Pacific War, Hiroshima, and the American occupation of Japan.	Films for Humanities and Sciences	48 minutes, color	9-16+
	The Faces of Japan: 1. The Story of Noriko	1986	A 21-year old is helping to redefine the role of women in Japan, women who aspire to ascend the ladder of business against formidable odds - which include pressures from parents to stick to traditional lifestyles of the past. The Faces of Japan series provides curriculum material for all programs.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
	The Faces of Japan: 2. The Neputa Painter	1986	Enormous, colorful, painted images of popular characters mounted on floats for an annual festival - part of Japan's cultural heritage. Here is the story of one Neputa painter preserving an art that has been handed down for centuries, showing how many Japanese protect and preserve their traditions.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
	The Faces of Japan: 3. Young Baseball Heroes	1986	A high school team prepares for a great tournament at Koshien Stadium and learns why there is so much excitement and pressure surrounding this game. Demonstrates the discipline and teamwork of Japanese teams.	TeleJapan	30 min	5-12
	The Faces of Japan: 4. Diary of a Police Post	1986	Credit goes to the police for making Tokyo the safest city in the world. The relationship between police and their communities is uniquely close. The video follows one police officer on a typical round and shows how much he knows about the people he protects.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
	The Faces of Japan: 5. The New Generation	1986	Born after the 1960's, this "new race" grew up in the midst of Japanese prosperity and never experienced war. Are they changing Japan's social and economic values?	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
	The Faces of Japan: 6. Two Friends - Two Lives	1986	Defined as a "workaholic" and an "economic animal," the Japanese salaried white-collar worker is difficult to define. Here is an excellent portrait of two men who, while friends, live very different lives. One is an average Japanese office worker and the other is a man who rejected that kind of work and opened an inn instead.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
	The Faces of Japan: 7. The Sacred Land	1986	For the Japanese farmer and his family, the land is sacred. But all is now being threatened as the young are being lured to big cities and the job opportunities they offer. Village life is disappearing. Where is the Japanese farmer headed?	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
	The Faces of Japan: 8. From Swords to Factories	1986	This story compares a master of the ancient and sacred art of sword making, a craft handed down for generations, to a steel worker, a sword maker on a gigantic scale who works with the same zeal and craftsmanship and creates huge steel parts for export. The interaction between tradition and innovation, a key to contemporary Japanese economic success, is explored in the program.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12

The Faces of Japan: 9. An American Business Man in Japan	1986	American business has invaded the Japanese market in a big way as more than 3000 companies have operations of one kind or another in Japan. Yet many Americans fail to win a solid foothold in the Japanese market because they ignore the way in which the tastes and needs of Japanese consumers differ from those of Americans.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
The Faces of Japan: 10. A Small Business	1986	Though many Americans view Japan as a country dominated by big business, small firms play a vital role in the economy, producing a large share of Japan's exports. But competition from other countries is growing because of the strong yen. Can small business survive in today's Japan?	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
The Faces of Japan: 11. Beyond the Classroom	1986	This video profiles an excellent teacher who cares for the young students who need his help, because the fate of Japanese children literally rests with their teachers. The story tells of one teacher who goes that "extra mile" on the students' behalf.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
The Faces of Japan: 12. Running and Running for Mayor	1986	Few would have the stamina to survive what is expected of a Japanese politician. To win, the candidate must develop a special relationship with his voters by tending to their requests day and night. A look at the role local government plays in the lives of Japanese people - and the relationship between local and national politics.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
The Faces of Japan: 13. The Entertainer	1986	Pop stardom is a teen dream in Japan. Economic prosperity has given Japan's teens money to spend and created a booming business for popular music. It may be a sign of modernization, but it is still uniquely Japanese.	TeleJapan	30 min	7-12
Families of Japan (with the booklet)	1997	Two 15 minute segments that follow a different child from morning to bedtime. Narrated in the first person, in a child's voice, the segments show real life activities, people, and places in Japan. (Includes 11-page teacher's guide which is shelved with the Japan Curriculum materials).	Families of the World	30 min	4-8
Heart of the Country	1998	Tells the story of a village elementary principal in Hokkaido. Inspiring look at Japanese cultural values.	Leonard Kamerling Alaska	90 min	7-12
Hellfire: A Journey From Hiroshima(Video)	1986	This film represents a study of two artists who witnessed the immediate aftermath of Hiroshima and have dedicated their lives to monumental paintings of hugely destructive events.	John Junkerman and John Dower	58 min	9-16+
In Search of History: Samurai Warriors	1997	Explores the history of Samurai warriors.	A&E TV Networks	50 min	9-16+
Japan: Four Programs	late '80's	Includes Budo, My Day, Tokyo Sunday, and Sumo		80 min	K-8
Japan Information Center Presentation of Martial Arts	1993	This video is divided into seven parts: Sumo, Akido, Judo, Kimono, Kendo, Tokyo Subway, and Karatedo.			7-12
Japan Past and Present: Buddha in the Land of the Kami (7th-12th Centuries)	1989	This program explains the origins and scope of the kami concept; explains the arrival of Buddhism and how Buddhism and kami were assimilated; discusses the role of Chinese culture, style, and writing in Japanese culture; and demonstrates how the Japanese garden epitomizes the Japanese view of the relationship between man and nature, space, time, and reality.	Films for the Humanities and Sciences	53 min	7-16+
Japan: The Land and its People: Customs and Manners - The Fabric of Japanese Society (2 Copies VHS)	1990	This video introduces Japanese customs and manners which help smooth relations among people.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12

	Japan: The Land and Its People: The Tradition of Performing Arts in Japan (DVD) *Note: we have this also in VHS, listed under "Nippon: The Land and Its People: The Tradition of Performing Arts in Japan"	1989		GPN Educational Media	30 min	9-12
	Japanese Devils: Confessions of Imperial Army Soldiers From Japan's War Against China. Riben Guizi. (VHS)	2001		The Riben Guizi Production Committee	58 Min	
	Japanese History and Literature: 1. Classical Japan and the Tale of Genji (552-1185)	1996	Focuses on the Japanese genius for cultural borrowing and literary contributions of women during the height of Japanese court culture. Accompanying guide includes instructor's overview, video outline, script and photocopy materials for viewers.	Annenberg / CPB Collection Columbia University	45 min	13-16+
	Japanese History and Literature: 2. Medieval Japan and Buddhism in Literature (1185-1600)	1996	Similarities and differences between medieval Japan and Europe: political structure, bonds between warriors, and the importance of religion. Accompanying guide includes instructor's overview, video outline, script and photocopy materials for viewers.	Annenberg / CPB Collection Columbia University	45 min	13-16+
	Japanese History and Literature: 3. Tokugawa Japan and Puppet Theater - Novels and the Haiku of Basho (1600-1868)	1996	Highlights the 250 years of peace in the Tokugawa Japan period which brought economic development, the growth of cities, the birth of new literature and poetry. Accompanying guide includes instructor's overview, video outline, script and photocopy materials for viewers.	Annenberg / CPB Collection Columbia University	70 min	13-16+
	The Japanese Version	1991	This film represents a personal journey through certain aspects of Japanese society: love hotels, weddings commercials, etc.	Louis Alvarez and Andrew Kolker	57 min	9-16+
	Japan's Peace Constitution	2005	This DVD contains valuable sections on the formation of the constitution, an analysis of article nine in depth, Japan's role in Iraq and various other important issues. John Dower plays a large role in the footage.	John Junkerman	70 min	9-16+
	Kokoyakyu: High School Baseball (DVD)	2006	A new treatment of Japan's approach to baseball at the high school level. It focuses on two teams as they prepare for Koshien, the annual summer tournament held near Osaka. This should appeal all those wishing to understand how the Japanese achieve impressive discipline and focus in this sport.	Projectile Arts	54 min	7-12
	Living Treasures of Japan (3 copies)	1995	Amid the clamor of technological economic success, a reverence for age, custom, and tradition endures in Japanese culture. This film is divided into many different five minute segments treating a wide variety of art forms like pottery, koto, bunraku theater, and sword making. Excellent for class room uses - all ages.	National Geographic Society	59 min	K-16+
	Kabuki	1985	Introduces this lively and colorful form of Japanese Theatre	Films for the humanities and sciences	60 min.	9-16+
	Kabuki Dance II: Bando Tamasaburo, DVD	2004	The work of Sagi Museum, "The Heron maiden", is one of the most popular and representative examples of the Kabuki dance repertoire. It portrays the feelings, both happy and sad, of a young maiden in love.	Marty Gross Films		9-16+
	Kurosawa	2000	Excellent documentary about Japan's most acclaimed film director of the 20th century. Contains great clips from his films.	Thirteen/WNET New York	115 min	9-16+
	Makiko's New World	2000	Based on the book of the same name, this film matches selections from Makiko's diary of early 20th century Japan with an effective re-enactment of her life.	Media Production Group	60 min	13-16+

	Mashiko Village Pottery	1937	Silent film. Produced by a pre-war cultural organization in Japan, the film is a work of rare clarity and beauty which follows an entire pottery making cycle as performed in that village for centuries.	restored by Marty Gross Film Productions	20 min	9-16+
	The Meiji Period (1868-1912), DVD	2005	The arrival of Commodore Perry in 1854 marked the stage for Japan's dramatic leap from the Middle Ages into modernity. The ports of Japan were forced open. In 1868, the last shogun gave way to a 15-year-old emperor, who dressed in Western-style clothes. Edo became Tokyo, education became a national priority and dichotomy between ancient shared values and new imported styles and forms deepened as the Japanese learned colonialism	Films for Humanities and Sciences	52 minutes, color	9-16+
	Nankin: La Memoire et L'Oubli/ Nanjing: Memory and Oblivion (DVD) (This DVD is shelved with the China Documentaries)	2006	A French documentary that includes footage from the 1937 "Sack of Nanjing", the worst atrocity committed by the Japanese on the eve of World War II. Includes interviews with Chinese survivors and Japanese ex-soldiers. Also deals with the efforts of those Japanese trying to confront their countrymen with these atrocities. French with English Subtitles	Un Film de Michael Prazan. Les Poissns Volants.	52 min	9-16+
	Nippon, Land and its People: Annual Festivities and Ceremonies (2 Copies VHS)	1991	While most Japanese people have no fixed or exclusive religious affiliation, many express belief fervently. Covers Buddhist, Shinto, and Christian Ceremonies. The series "Nippon, Land and its People" provides a curriculum guide for all programs.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: Education in Japan - Children and Their Dreams	1991	This look at two urban households with school-age children gives some insight into the Japanese education system, which relies heavily on test scores to rank students and their aptitudes. Interviews with students and their family member as they approach "exam hell" point out the frustration that this system had bred.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: The Japanese and Nature - Friends or Foes (2 copies)	1990	This video looks at people from all walks of life, across the Japanese archipelago in all its seasonal variation and candidly reveals the relationship that the Japanese people have with their natural surroundings.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: The Fighting Spirit Within the Group Ethic (2 copies)	1989	Presented here is the Japanese businessman's life, as shown through interviews with three generations of businessmen.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: Japanese Corporate System - The Role of the Entrepreneur (2 copies)	1990	This video follows the daily life of two company residents, one in manufacturing and the other in the service sector.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: The Japanese Family - The Lifestyle of the Business Man (2 copies)	1989	Presented here are the stories of three contemporary Japanese families.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: Japanese Craftsmanship	1989	This video focuses on a variety of high tech and traditional products.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
	Nippon, Land and its People: The Taste of Japan - A Tradition of Hospitality (3 copies VHS)	1989	The video is divided into three thematic segments: "The Culture of Fish," "The Culture of Rice," and "The Culture of Kaiseki Cuisine."	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12

Nippon, Land and its People: The Tradition of the Performing Arts in Japan - Kabuki, Noh, Bunraku (2 copies) *Note: We also have a DVD edition of this listed under "Japan: The Land and Its People: The Tradition of Performing Arts in Japan"	1989	Presented here is a variety of traditional Japanese theater, including seldom seen backstage preparations for performances by some of Japan's most illustrious names.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
Nippon, Land and its People: Working Women - Personal and Social Goals	1991	Japanese women, who have sought employment in remarkable numbers since the end of WW II, now account for half of the workforce. This view shows their roles both at home and at work. You will be able to get glimpses of single women office staff in their 20s and housewives in their 40s re-entering the job market as part-time workers.	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
No-To: Memory Fades (Video)	2003?	Pittsburgh-based Attack Theatre and Japanese artist's collective Nibroll Created this theatrical performance inspired by the moments in our life when our perceptions of reality come into question	Attack Theatre and Nibroll		13+
Occupied Japan: An Experiment in Democracy	1996	Post-World War II Japan--who rebuilt it and how? Discover a distinctively new perspective on how the Japanese reinvented their society. It was an evolution that progressed at their pace and preference, sometimes without the dominating presence of General MacArthur.	PBS (Oregon Public Television)	60 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: Big Business and Ghost of Confucius (DVD & VHS)	1992	Asks how Asia's newly industrialized countries -Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore-have moved so quickly to the forefront of the world economy. Is Asian culture the answer? What role did America play?	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: Meiji - Asia's Response to the West	1992	The Meiji Revolution was a political and social transformation of Japanese society triggered in part by threats from the West. During the reign of Emperor Meiji (1868-1912), Japan threw off centuries of tradition to invent a new political and economic system that would become a model of development for many nations. This program examines how Japan mobilized itself to become a world power in a period of forty-four years.	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: Meiji - Reinventing Japan	1992	The transformation of the Pacific Basin in the wake of WWII and American and Japanese relations.	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: Meiji Revolution (DVD)	1992	The Meiji Revolution covers the period in which Japan was opening itself to the West. Japanese and US experts are used to help explain and clarify the many changes that occurred in the Japanese government, economy, and culture during this period.	Annenberg / CPB Collection Columbia University	60 min	9-16+
Potters at Work	1980's	This documentary follows the daily process of utilitarian pottery making in two villages in southern Japan. A contemplative study of life and work in traditional craft making communities.	Marty Gross Film Productions	30 min	9-16+
Preaching from Pictures: A Japanese Mandala (DVD)	2003	This film focuses on one Japanese Buddhist Mandala. It is interactive offering a 37 minute tour of the Mandala as well contrasting its sacred images with glimpses of daily life in Edo.	Asia Educational Media Service	37 min	12-16+
Preschool in Three Cultures (China, Japan & U.S.)	1989	A super film for teachers. The film shows a typical day in a preschool in three countries. The materials compare the preschool education practices and philosophies in each country. Includes a discussion of the issues of freedom, conformity, creativity, and discipline. The footage was shot for research purposes and is not of broadcast quality.	Fourth Wave Productions Tobin, Wu, & Davidson		9-16+

	Secrets of Samurai	2001	The martial achievements of the samurai, Japan's medieval warriors, were a blend of military innovation and personal commitment to self-mastery. This program reveals much of the science behind the samurai arts of war. Sadatoshi Gassan, a traditional sword smith whose family has made weapons for 800 years, demonstrates the revolutionary metallurgical method that still yields the strongest, sharpest blades possible. Masami Ozawa of the Tokyo museum shows the ingenious composite armor divided to thwart the katana, or samurai sword.	Films for Humanities and Sciences	26 minutes, color	7-16+
	Shinto Festival Music	1993	Shinto festival music was filmed in the Asakusa district, and at the Sumiyoshi, Hachiman, and the Meiji shrines. Host for the program is Dr. William Malm, Professor of musicology at the University of Michigan.	Dr. William Malm	30 min.	9-16+
	Shinto: Nature, Gods and Man in Japan (VHS)	1977	A gorgeous film dealing with both the historic roots of Shinto as well as present day practice.	Japan Society	50 min	9-16+
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	Spirits of the State: Japan's Yasukuni Shrine, (DVD)	2005	Tokyo's Yasukuni shrine honors and venerates the spirits of Japanese soldiers and officers - including convicted and executed war criminals. This program explores the history of the Shinto shrine, the complexity of its functions, and the controversies generated when political leaders appear there.	Films for Humanities and Sciences	28 minutes, color	9-16+
	The Story of Sumo: A Documentary	2000	The story of Sumo introduces the pageantry and ritual preparations of wrestlers and supporting staff in the days prior to one of the six annual Grand Sumo Tournaments.	Marty Gross Film Productions	40 min	
	The Tale of Genji, DVD	2003	Elegant, and lyrical, The Tale of Genji pre-dates the seminal Don Quixote by an incredible 600 years. This extraordinarily beautiful program traces the plot, which centers on the romantic relationships of the noble hero Genji, through illustrated hand scrolls dating from the early 12th century.	Films for Humanities and Sciences	60 minutes, color	11-16+
	This is Kyogen (DVD)	1992	This dramatic form is closely related to Noh drama, but is humorous and moves much more quickly.	Insight Media	21 min	11-16+
	This is Noh (VHS)	2000	This film represents a thorough introduction to the basic characteristics of Noh theatre. It focuses on many different plays in order to cover all the themes and conventions of Noh.	Insight Media	40 min	11-16+
	Tune in Japan: Approaching Culture Through TV	1995	Aimed primarily at middle school audiences, this video uses TV and Video clips, many taken from actual Japanese broadcasts, to teach about Japan. It is designed for active viewing and not intended to be shown in its entirety in a single class period. The video is divided into three thematic segments of approximately 15 minutes each. Curriculum guide included.	Asia Society	50 min	6-8
	Tune in Japan: Global Connections	1997	Extensive television footage is used to explore Japan's youth culture, examine community, and address environmental challenges and global communication issues. Designed to be shown in four thematic segments of approximately 10 minutes each. Curriculum guide provided; also divided into four parts.	Asia Society	37 min	9-12
	Under Another Sun		Deals with Japanese sojourners in Singapore during the early days of Japanese settlement in the 19th century as well as Japanese living and working there now.	Asian Educational Media Services	1 hour	11-16
	Understanding Japan			EVN	35 min	9-16+

Video Letter from Japan: Part I - Living Arts	1988	Traditional arts and culture are viewed through the lives of a contemporary Japanese family living in Kyoto, Japan's cultural capital. Curriculum guide provided for all programs.	Asia Society	15 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part I - Making Things	1988	Two groups of sixth grade students report to their classmates on traditional handicraft and modern industries.	Asia Society	15 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part I - My Day	1988	Shows a day in the life of a Tokyo sixth grader	Asia Society	15 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part I - My Family	1988	A boy and girl from the northern island of Hokkaido invite students into their homes to meet their families.	Asia Society	15 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part I - Tohoku Diary	1988	The geography of Japan is observed by a group of sixth graders and their teacher on a field trip to northern Japan.	Asia Society	15 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part II - The College Years	1988	The lives of students in two Tokyo colleges. Shows the importance of clubs in college life.	Asia Society	30 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part II - Suburban Tokyo High School Students	1988	This program is about students in a Japanese high school as they approach graduation and have contrasting career plans.	Asia Society	30 min	6-9
Video Letter from Japan: Part II - A Young Family	1990	The lifestyles and concerns of a young family are shown in this program.	Asia Society	30 min	6-9
The Way of Life in Japan: The Family Life of a "Salary man"	1994	This video shows a Japanese salary man's leisure life.	NHK International Inc.	20 min	9-12
The Way of Life in Japan: Group Portrait of High School Students	1994	The diverse experiences of three young people offer fascinating glimpses of what life can be like for a high school student in Japan.	NHK International Inc.	20 min	9-12
The Way of Life in Japan: Home Stay	1994	A Florida high school student adjusts to a summer visit in the home of a Japanese farming family.	NHK International Inc.	20 min	9-12
The Way of Life in Japan: Housewives	1994	This is about three women who represent different age groups and pursue different lifestyles, but who are all still typical Japanese housewives.	NHK International Inc.	20 min	9-12
Wings of Defeat (DVD) (2 copies)	2007	This path breaking film brings viewers "face to face with elderly Japanese who as young men were prepared to die as Kamkaze." This DVD also has a printed companion "Teacher's Guide" which is in the Japan Curriculum materials	New Day Films	89 min	10-16
Zen - the best of Alan Watts.	1994	Rare footage of the great teacher who helped introduce Zen to the west	Hartley	60 min.	9-16+

CHINA

China - Feature Films

Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress (DVD)	2002	Film version of the popular novel. Beautiful scenery and a romanticized version of the story. Some nudity makes its use in classrooms	Dai Sijie	111 min	11-16+
Beijing Bicycle (Video)	2001	This film examines the adventures of a village boy who has just arrived in Beijing. His struggle to support himself as a delivery boy is contrasted with the hopes and desires of an urban schoolboy of the same age. Great story which would be accessible to a wide range of students.	Wang Xiaoshuai	113 min	8-16+
Beijing Bicycle (DVD)	2001	See description above	Wang Xiaoshuai	113 min	8-16+
Big Bird in China (2 copies)	1987	Big Bird and Barkley search in China for the phoenix bird. A lovely introduction to China for young children.	Children's Television Workshop	75 min	K-8

	The Blue Kite	1994	Told from the perspective of a young boy, Tietou, it traces the fate of a Beijing family and their neighbors as they experience the political and social upheavals in 1950's and 60's China.	Tian Zhuangzhuang	138 min	9-16+
	China My Sorrow	1989	Poignant story about a 13-year-old boy who, in the midst of China's cultural revolution, is sent away to a re-education camp. In that remote, mountainous location, he finds some fun and spiritual understanding while performing hard labor.	Dai Sijie	87 min	11-16+
	Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon	2000	A pair of martial arts masters and would-be lovers, and an independent young woman with a dark secret search for a stolen mystical sword. Won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.	Ang Lee	120 min	9-16+
	Double Happiness	1992	The story of a young Chinese woman struggling to appease her old-fashioned father who wants her to marry a successful Chinese man, while she is pursuing her own modern dreams.	Mina Shum	87 min	13-16+
	Eat a Bowl of Tea	1989	Set in post WWII New York's Chinatown, the story of a young Chinese couple eager to see what their adoptive homeland has to offer and the Chinese community's desire to see some first generation U.S. offspring.	Tom Sternberg/ Wayne Wang	104 min	13-16+
	The Emperor and the Assassin	1999	This film conveys one version of the Qin ruler's plan for the unification of China (200's B.C.E.). It stars the famous actress Gong Li and contains some stunning battle and palace scenes, but does not depict verifiable history.	Chen Kaige	161 min	9-16+
	Empire of the Sun	1987	A young British boy who lives in Shanghai is confined in a Japanese internment camp in China during WWII.	Steven Spielberg	154 min	7-16+
	The Family	1956	Based on Ba Jin's famous novel. Takes place around 1919 and reflects the conflicts between traditional, Confucian practices and modern trends.	China Video Movies	124 min.	9-16+
	A Great Wall	1985	Leo Fang, along with his American-born wife and son return to China. Leo has not seen his Chinese relatives for many years. This film depicts, with humor, extensive cultural clashes.	Peter Wang W. Productions	103 min	9-12
	Hero (DVD)	2002	Visually startling with all the characteristics of martial arts films and starring Jet Li. Li is seeking revenge on the first emperor of China.	Quentin Tarantino Presents	99 min	13+
	Horse Thief	1991	The tale of Norbu, a horse stealer who is driven out by his tribe in an effort to purge it of evil. A visually spectacular work filled with gorgeous Buddhist rituals against a backdrop of the vast empty landscape of Tibet.	Tian Zhuangzhuang	88 min	13-16+
	The Joy Luck Club	1993	This film tells the uplifting story of four remarkable Chinese-American friends whose extraordinary lives are filled with joy and heartbreak. Based on Amy Tan's book.	Wayne Wang	139 min	12-16+
	The King of Masks	1996	A rare master of the ancient art of mask making finds an apprentice in a destitute child purchased on the black market. Charming sections, usable with young students.	Shaw Brothers	101 min	9-16+
	Kundun	1997	Tells the story of the selection process for the present Dalai Lama and his harrowing flight from Tibet to India in the late 1950's.	Martin Scorsese	135 min	9-16+
	The Last Emperor	1987	Winner of 9 Academy Awards, incl. best picture. Pu Yi, emperor of China, comes from a long history of a tradition that is irreversibly altered by two world wars and fierce political upheaval. He is forced to leave the lavish, protective walls of his kingdom and somehow find the strength to build a new life in a strange world he has always longed to explore, but has never really known.	Bernardo Bertolucci	162 min	7-16+

	Little Buddha	2000	In a big American city, a boy and his family discover a story about a prince in a land of miracles. But the miracle becomes real when Tibetan monks appear, searching for their leader's reincarnation - who they believe has been reborn in the boy.			9-14
	To Live	1994	This film begins in the 1940's and follows the fortunes and misfortunes of a Chinese family through civil war, Communist victory, and the Cultural Revolution.	Zhang Yimou	133 min	11-16+
	Mulan	1997	This Disney animation tells the ancient legend of Mulan, a young Chinese girl who disguises herself as a soldier and takes the place of their aging father in the imperial army as it defends China against the invading Hun army.	Walt Disney Pictures	88 min	6-16+
	Mongol: The Rise of Genghis Khan (DVD)	2007	This film presents the rise to power of the famous Mongol leader. It starts from the age of 5 years and ends with his gradual extension of control over other Mongol tribes. There are plenty of bloody battle scenes and improbable sequences in Genghis Khan's rise to power. This is explained by the paucity of reliable Mongol sources. So much of the portrayal ranks as mythology, but even the bare facts are quite amazing. 2007 Academy Award Nominee for Best Foreign Film. In Mongolian with English Subtitles	CTB Film Company. Directed by Sergei Bodrov	125 min	9-16+
	Not One Less (2 copies in VHS, 1 copy in DVD)	1999	A priceless film about a thirteen-year-old girl who is chosen to serve as a substitute teacher in a poor remote mountain village.	Zhang Yimou	106 min	6-16+
	The Old Well	1987	This Chinese classic focuses on the hard life of villagers in the Taihang mountains, west of Beijing. The time is the 1960's, and despite repeated failures and loss of life, these poor people continue to hunt for an effective well. A bit depressing, but a valuable look at rural China.	Xi'an Film Studio	125 min	11-16+
	Once upon a time in Shanghai	1998	This is a complex love story of two lovers caught in the political turmoil of Shanghai in 1948.	China Century Entertainment	90 min.	9-16+
	Postmen in the mountains	1998	In a rural mountainous region of Hunan province the career postman plans to retire. In this film he guides his son (and his dog) on the postal route introducing the son to the pleasures and hardships of the job. Touching.	China Century Entertainment	90 min.	9-16+
	Raise the Red Lantern	1991	In 1920's China, Songlia (Gong Li) is to be wife number four at the Chen Zuoquan estate. At first, there is harmony among the wives, but soon many conflicts emerge.	Zhang Yimou	125 min	11-16+
	The Road Home (VHS) (2 Copies)	2000	When his father dies, Luo Yusheng returns from the city to his childhood village where his father was the much-revered local teacher. But what begins as a short trip to bury his father becomes much more when he learns his mother wants a traditional burial for her husband. She wants to have him carried by foot, honoring the belief that a body returned this way will never forget the road home. As Yushe enlists the men needed to fulfill her wishes, the story of his parent's love affair unfolds. Winner Audience Award 2001 Sundance film Festival; Grand Prix Silver Berlin Bear, 2000 Berlin International Film Festival.	Zhang Yimou	89 min	11-16+
	The Sand Pebbles	1966	Set in 1930's China, this film stars Steve McQueen. It focuses on conflicts within China involving the Communist movement and American policy.	CBS / Fox	180 min	9-16+
	Seven Years in Tibet (DVD)	1998	Modeled on a true story about a Westerner who becomes friends with the Dalai Lama.	Mandalay Entertainment	136 min	9-16+

	Shower	1999	The old and new worlds collide in this charming tale of a family divided, then brought together by a traditional bathhouse. The successful, career-minded son of the bathhouse's owner first sees the establishment as outdated; but when a tragic event causes sudden change, he must choose between his prosperous life and his responsibility to his family and heritage. Winner of numerous awards.	Zhang Yang	94 min	7-16+
	The Story of Qiu Ju	1992	Qiu Ju, a peasant woman whose husband was kicked in the groin by the village chief, begins a long but futile trek through the Chinese court system to obtain redress. Her fight is the common battle against bureaucracy and indifference. This film won Best Picture and Best Actress in the Venice Film Festival	Zhang Yimou	100 min	11-16+
	Temptress Moon	1997	Captivating Story of a beautiful young woman, her seductive lover and their struggle for power, passion and revenge. Provocative. Rated R.	Chen Kaige	115 min	13-16+
	Together (DVD)	2003	When violin prodigy Xiaochun and his father head to Beijing seeking fame and fortune, they soon discover a fierce world of cutthroat ambition. But when Xiaochun is adopted by a famous music tutor, success finally seems within reach until a shocking discovery begins to unravel his entire world and the boy must make the most difficult choice of his life. Can he achieve the fame his father had always hoped for without losing the extraordinary passion that sets him apart?	Chen Kaige	120 min	
	Yellow Earth	1984	Set in the barren wilderness of Northern Shaanxi province in 1939. A young peasant girl falls in love with a Communist soldier and escapes from her arranged marriage across the great Yellow River.	Chen Kaige	89 min	9-16+
	Yi Yi	1999	This film follows the lives of NJ Jian, his wife, Min-Min, and their two children who share their Taipei apartment with Min-Min's elderly mother. Things start to go wrong for the Jians on the day that Min-Min's brother A-Di gets married. Winner Best Picture National Society of Film Critics.	Edward Yang	173 min	9-16+

China - Documentary Films

	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	1421 the Year China discovered america	2004	Based on Gavin Menzies very controversial book		120 MIN	9-16+
	All Under Heaven	mid 80's	Part of "One Village in China." Depicts rural life with insight and warmth. Contains especially valuable funeral footage.	Carma Hinton	60 min	7-16+
	Amongst White Clouds (DVD)	2004	This film chronicles a young American's search for Buddhist hermits in the Zhongnan Mountains West of Beijing. The scenery is spectacular, complimenting the intimate portraits of 6-8 hermits, both male and female.	Edward A. Burger	86	12-16
	Ancient Chinese Inventions, Part 1: Weaponry, Agriculture & Games (DVD)	2002	Part of a 4-part program that recounts the dramatic story of the rise and fall of an empire, and empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26	7-12
	Ancient Chinese Inventions, Part 2: Magnetism, Seismometry, Shipbuilding. (DVD)	2002	Part of a 4-part program that recounts the dramatic story of the rise and fall of an empire, and empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26	7-12

	Ancient Chinese Inventions, Part 3: Astronomy and Chronography (DVD)	2002	Part of a 4-part program that recounts the dramatic story of the rise and fall of an empire, and empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26	7-12
	Ancient Chinese Inventions, Part 4: Printmaking, Armaments, Rocketry, Government (DVD)	2002	Part of a 4-part program that recounts the dramatic story of the rise and fall of an empire, and empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26	7-12
	Architecture 2000: Hong Kong - Asia's New Skyline	1999	This program takes a close look at the skyscraper masterpieces in Hong Kong such as the Bank of China, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and the Lippo Center. Important to all is <i>feng shui</i> , the ancient art of placement and design, which strongly influenced their construction. In addition, the longest escalator in the world is featured as a form of urban transportation. A history of Hong Kong from its annexation as a British crown colony and examples of Hong Kong culture are woven into this documentary that presents an evolving metropolis that bridges East and West, old and new.	Humanities and Sciences	29 min	9-16+
	Becoming American: The Chinese Experience-- Program 1: Gold Mountain Dreams (VHS)	2003	A Bill Moyers Special	Films for the humanities and sciences	89 min	
	Becoming American: The Chinese Experience-- Program 2: Between Two Worlds (VHS)	2003	A Bill Moyers Special	Films for the humanities and sciences	89 min	
	Becoming American: The Chinese Experience-- Program 3: No Turning Back (VHS)	2003	A Bill Moyers Special	Films for the humanities and sciences	89 min	
	The Celestial Empire: Path of the Dragon. Part 15: A Nation of Diversity	2003	The vast land of china is home to 55 recognized distinct minority groups. Although approximately ninety-three percent of the country is Han Chinese, first united under emperor Qin in 211 B.C., each of the groups is still distinguished by language, culture and religious affiliation. Most of the ethnic minorities live in five autonomous regions in Western China. This episode will cover their traditions, culture and origins, from the largest group, the Zhuang people of southern China, to the Hui sea traders, the Manchu northern warriors, the Uygur silk road traders, the Mongols, the Yi, the Naxi, the Bai people and others.	Landmark Media Inc.	26 min.	9-14
	China: A Century of Revolution: Part I - China in Revolution	1989	This documentary provides a comprehensive chronicle of years of revolution and transformation in China. The series provides a curriculum guide for all programs.	Sue Williams	120 min	13-16+
	China: A Century of Revolution: Part II - The Mao Years	1996	The years of Mao's influence are chronicled in two 60-minute segments: "Catch the Stars and the Moon: 1949-1960" and "It's Right to Rebel: 1960-1976."	Sue Williams	120 min	13-16+
	China: A Century of Revolution: Part III - Born Under the Red Flag	1997	This video begins with Mao's death and covers the events between 1976 and 1997 in two parts: "Surviving Mao" and "The New Generation." Like its predecessors, it aired on PBS and includes archival film footage and interviews with Chinese who experienced the years covered in the video.	Sue Williams	120 min	13-16+
	China Blue: The Denim Curtain (DVD)	2005	A disturbing but valuable investigation of factory conditions in China.	Micha Peled	86 min	9-16+
	China Boom: Nurturing the Socialist Market Place	1996	This video examines China's economy in transition. As the days of state-protected jobs near their end, and individual initiative becomes more important. The program looks briefly at such phenomena as inflation, consumerism, open labor market, the stock market, and foreign investment.	Humanities and Sciences	28 min	11-16+

	China: Emerging Powers - An Insider's Guide	1996	Deborah Wang, former Beijing correspondent for ABC News, examines China's transformation from poverty to prosperity.	Wall Street Journal Video	50 min	11-16+
	China: Feast or Famine. Water Management and Food Production in China	2004	This program documents farmers' hardships - droughts and floods and discusses the exacerbating effects of deforestation on urban growth	Films for Humanities and Sciences	58 minutes, color	9-16+
	China From the Inside (DVD) 2 Copies	2006	This excellent four-episode disk contains an admirable blend of Chinese government "voices", Chinese academic views, and public opinion. The interviewer and cameraperson have done an admirable job of capturing some unique footage on very controversial topics. Episode one: Deals with party, government and the general public. Covers people's reasons for joining the Communist Party and contains valuable footage of one village election. Episode two: Focuses on women with an important emphasis on their role in the huge migrant labor force, currently existing in China. Episode three: This is probably the most depressing, but extremely important, episode since it deals with environmental degradation. Episode four: Covers freedom and justice, in other words what are the levels of dissidence which are currently tolerated in China today? This section helps one understand the position of the dissidents as well as the government's quandary about how much to allow.	PBS Home Video	4 hours	9-16+
	China: History and Mystery	1996	This is the story of China's 5000-year-old civilization. A general overview with a lot of documentary footage. (2 tapes)	EVN	120 min	11-16+
	China: The Mandate of Heaven	1991	From the "Legacy" series. Although for over 2000 years, China has been sustained by ideas unchanged since the Bronze Age, many breakthroughs on which the modern world is based were discovered in China long before the West became aware of them...gunpowder, iron-casting, printing.	Ambrose Video	57 min	11-16+
	China Rises (2 Copies) (DVD)	2006	There are 4 separate programs in each two disk set. They focus on geography, food and environmental issues, future of the Communist Party, the modernization of Shanghai, and the growing affluence of a small percentage of the population. Very up to date.	Discovery Channel	208 Min	9-16+
	China's Cosmopolitan Age: The Tang	1993	Treats the entire Tang dynasty (618 to about 900 A.D.), with an emphasis on excavations and art forms. This video has a companion book A Guide to China's Cosmopolitan Age: The Tang which is shelved in the China Books	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	9-16+
	Chinese Archives of World Heritage Sites. DVD Series. We have "The Villages of Xidi and Hongcun", "The Mountain Resort and Eight Outer Temples", "Suzhou Gardens", "Mount Taishan"	200?	See the individual titles listed in this catalog for more information.	HUWA Publishing House		
	Chinese Instruments and Music	1992	Wonderful introduction to Chinese music	Audio-forum		
	Chinese Jump Rope (VHS)	1994	Instructional video for children on learning to chinese jumprope. **Please note that this video is shelved with the book "Chinese JumpRope" in the China Curriculum materials	Mel Aimee Productions	28 min	K-6

	Chinese New Year	1994	This interactive children's educational video explores the symbols, customs, rituals, and folklore underlying traditional Chinese New Year celebrations.	Schlesinger Media	25 min	K-4
	Chinese See N'Say	2002	This is a short film on Chinese language. It introduces several key ideas about Chinese language using the familiar metaphor of the See N' Say today. Viewers learn that Chinese characters sometimes look like the object they represent. In this case all objects are animals. They also learn a way to remember Chinese animal names.	Monkey tree Education Media	6.5 min.	K-7
	Classical Feng Shui: Harnessing Nature's Subtle Forces	2002	This program documents on the Land Formations and Flying Stars Schools of classical feng shui, demonstrating the ancient Chinese geomantic practice of living harmoniously with the environment as it is applied in Hong Kong and elsewhere. World-renowned teacher Grandmaster Yap Cheng Hai and several feng shui consultants provide a detailed overview of Taoism, chi, yin, and yang, the face symbolic elements and animals, the bagua and its eight trigrams, and the lo pan compass.	Films for Humanities Inc.	56 minutes, color	9-16+
	Confucianism & Taoism	1998	From the "Religions of the World" series. Examines Chinese religion and philosophy, which is focused on human conduct, and compares it to Western religion and philosophy. Narrated by Ben Kingsley.	Schlessinger Media	50 min	9-16+
	The Confucian Tradition	1997	Focuses on Confucius (551-479 B.C.E.), the era in which he lived and taught, and the importance of his teachings about human relationships, filial piety, the cultivation of the moral person, and the Mandate of Heaven. An accompanying curriculum booklet "Guid to the Confucian Tradition" is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	46 min	13-16+
	The Confucian Tradition in Literature - Chinese Poetry: Origins of Literary Tradition	1997	Lyric poetry, from its foundation in the Book of Songs to the late poets Wang Can and Tao Qian. An accompanying curriculum booklet "Guid to the Confucian Tradition" is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	34 min	13-16+
	The Confucian Tradition in Literature - Poetry of the Tang and later Dynasties	1997	Poetry as a feature of everyday life during the Tang Dynasty (618-907), with readings of the works of the three most renowned Tang poets: Wang Wei, Li Bo, and Du Fu. An accompanying curriculum booklet "Guid to the Confucian Tradition" is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	43 min	13-16+
	Culture and Math: The Chinese (DVD)	2006	Learn how the Chinese used a counting board to write numbers, see some of the ingenious methods they had for solving advanced algebra problems.	Discovery Communications, Inc	25 min	7-12
	A day on the grand canal with the Emperor of China	C. 1980	Exploration of the famous Sung dynasty scroll during the Quingming festival.		45 min.	9-16+
	Discovering China	1988	The video makes a visit to the Forbidden City of the Ming Dynasty, and to the peasant fields of rice and wheat. The effects of modernization are shown by visiting the Chinese workplace.	Ronald C. Meyer	52 min	9-16+
	Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese- Program 1 - Families	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
	Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 3 - Getting Around	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
	Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 10 - Eating Out	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+

Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 14 - School	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 15 - Sightseeing	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 17 - Work	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 18 - The Arts	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
Dragon's Tongue: Communicating in Chinese - Program 19 - Celebrations	1992	While this series is designed for language instruction, there is a lot of cultural information as well. An accompanying booklet is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	25 min	11-16+
Eating the Scorpion		Depicts the experience of American NCTA teachers visiting China	Richet Productions		9-16+
Families of China (2 copies)	1997	Two 15 minute segments that follow a different child from morning to bedtime. Narrated in the first person, in a child's voice, the segments show real life activities, people, and places in China. Booklet "Teacher's Guide" is included and is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Families of the World	29 min	4-8
Feng Shui		Provides guidance for the arrangement of living and work areas according to the principles of feng shui (wind and water). Part of Daoism.	Discovery Channel	60 min	9-16+
The Forbidden City	1995	This film contains numerous overview shots of the entire Forbidden City complex as well as re-enacted sequences within the city walls. Historically, it begins with the Kang Xi emperor in the early 1700's and deals in general with the years up to the early 20th century. It provides an understanding of the reasons for China being the "oldest, most sophisticated empire" in the world.	Discovery Channel	50 min	9-16+
The Gate of Heavenly Peace: Part I and II (2 tapes)	1997	Beautifully constructed video of the events surrounding the Spring 1989 upheaval in China. Includes action footages from May and early July plus interviews with participants years after 1989.	Carma Hinton and Richard Gordon	87min & 55 min	11-16+
Generations: A Chinese Family	1985	This video reveals a portrait of a four-generation Chinese family as they embrace traditions and meet new challenges. Dr. Shen Fasheng, a traditional Chinese doctor, introduces us to his wife, mother, children, and grandchildren. Together they relate their family history and share with the viewers an intimate glimpse of their daily lives. Included are scenes of the family at work, in school, in prayer, at a funeral, and at a wedding.	Mary Knoll	28 min	10-16+
Great Wall Across the Yangtze	2000	Made without Chinese government authorization, this film investigates the profound changes the Three Gorges Dam will bring to China's people, environment, and history.	Ellen Perry	60 min	9-16+
Han Tomb figures (Learning Channel) and Secrets of the Great Wall (Discovery Channel) (2 VHS Copies)		The Learning Channel film on the 2 foot tall statues uncovered within a Han dynasty tomb. Contrasts these figures with those of the Qin emperor's large terra cotta warrior statues. Please read description for "Secrets of the Great Wall"	Learning Channel, Discovery Channel	60 min and 52 min	9-16
Healing and the Mind: Volume 1 - The Mystery of Chi	1993	On location in Beijing and Shanghai, Bill Moyers explores Traditional Chinese medicine and its approach to healing through "chi," the energy force that is the root of all Chinese medicine.	Ambrose Video	58 min	9-16+
Heart of the Dragon: Living	early 80's	Filed in Maoping, Southern China. Rural village life before reforms. Interview at end reflects on changes of the 1990's.		30 min	7-12

Heart of the Dragon: Caring	early 80's	Filmed in Harbin, Northern China. Urban neighborhood life. Interview at the end covers changes of the 1990's.		30 min	7-12
Hutong: Alleyways of Change in Contemporary Beijing (DVD)	2002	Provides some history of Beijing's development plus excellent footage of the hutongs themselves. Also deals with the area's destruction. Excellent of people planning to visit Beijing.	Films for the humanities and sciences	53 min	9-16+
In Search of China: Chinese Pursuit of Identity (VHS)	2004	The quest by the people of China to define themselves amidst the polarized views of communism and capitalism.	Films for the humanities and sciences	87 min	
Is Wal-Mart Good for America? (DVD)	2004		Frontline, WGBH Educational Foundation	60 Min	8-16
Jing, a Chinese Girl (2 copies)	around 1990	Two days in the life of Jing, an eleven-year old girl and her family as they spend a typical weekend in their hometown of Hangzhou.	AIMS Multimedia	18 min	6-12
Land of the Dragon: A Documentary of China. A Children of China Film (DVD)	2006	Part of the series "Children of China" (along with "New Year in Ping Wei" and "One Day in Ping Wei")	Pearl River Productions	30 min	
Living Chinese Philosophy (DVD)	2007	This is an extremely valuable film focusing on Confucianism and Daoism in 21st Century China. It is about 90 minutes long and is a sophisticated presentation. While an invaluable resource for teachers, you will want to select short sections for use in the classroom.	Metis Films	100 min	11-16
Long Bow Trilogy to taste... all under heaven	1980	Two parts of the famous trilogy examining Long Bow village.	Long Bow Group	2 hrs.	7-16+
The Long Search: Taoism - A Question of Balance - China	1978	Taiwan, where a pantheon of gods are worshiped in thousands of Buddhist and Taoist temples. Religious life weaves together a Confucian respect for ancestors, the cosmic pattern of the Tao and its oracles, the local gods and the ghosts.	Ambrose Video	52 min	7-16+
A Look at Today's China: (1) Geographic Setting	early 90's	Focus on Shandong province, importance of Yellow River.	GPN Lincoln NEB	15 min	K-12
A Look at Today's China: (2) People and Their Daily Lives	late '80's	Views of the New Year celebration and family relations.	GPN Lincoln NEB	15 min	K-12
A Look at Today's China: (3) Education	early 90's	Close look at Qufu, Confucius' hometown and Chinese schools.	GPN Lincoln NEB	15 min	K-12
A Look at Today's China: (4) Arts & Crafts	early 90's	Snuff bottle painting, black pottery, etc.	GPN Lincoln NEB	15 min	K-12
A Look at Today's China: (5) Domestic Crafts	early 90's	Block printing, kites, paper cutting, etc.	GPN Lincoln NEB	15 min	K-12
Mardi Gras: Made in China (PG Version) (DVD)	2006	The film alternates between footage filmed at the factory where the Mardi Gras beads are made and images of people in New Orleans enjoying the beads.	David Redmon	55 min	8-16+
Mardi Gras: Made in China (R-Rated Version) (DVD)	2006	This version of film is much more revealing of dress and behavior among the New Orleans celebrants.	David Redmon		12-16+
Martial Arts: The Chinese Masters	1985	Valuable for those who already know something about martial arts training and competition. Small segments of this would be intriguing for many students.	Pacific Arts Video Records	53 min	9-16
Morning Sun	2003	The bizarre and colorful nightmare of Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution comes alive in an extraordinary new documentary	National Asian American Telecommunications Association		12-16+

	Mount Taishan (DVD)		While the early part dealing with the history is a bit confusing, the film's value is its coverage of people hiking along the way. Many views of the mountain from a helicopter. Great for those planning to travel there.	HUWA Publishing House	30 min	9-16+
	The Mountain Resort and Eight Outer Temples (DVD)		Film is good for understanding the control problems for the Qing dynasty and the emperor's reason for developing Mulan Paddock for hunting in order to toughen up his soldiers. Shows how he then built his palace and later 12 temples to help stabilize his relations with the border tribes. Great for people planning to visit Chengde.	HUWA Publishing House	30 Min	9-16+
	Mysterious Mummies of China	1998	Mummies with definite European features were discovered in the Takla Makan desert. This documentary explores the mystery of Europeans in China 3000 years ago. Could a lost European people have breached China's fabled isolation 1000 years earlier than anyone thought?	WGBH Educational Foundation	60 min	9-16+
	Nankin: La Memoire et L'Oubli/ Nanjing: Memory and Oblivion (DVD)	2006	A French documentary that includes footage from the 1937 "Sack of Nanjing", the worst atrocity committed by the Japanese on the eve of World War II. Includes interviews with Chinese survivors and Japanese ex-soldiers. Also deals with the efforts of those Japanese trying to confront their countrymen with these atrocities. French with English Subtitles	Un Film de Michael Prazan. Les Poissns Volants.	52 min	9-16+
	The New Leap Forward: The Chinese Communist Party in the 21st Century	2001	Thanks to reforms by Jiang Zemin and others, Chinese communism has adopted some remarkably capitalistic ideologies.	Films for Humanities and Sciences	52 minutes, color	9-16+
	New Year in Ping Wei: A Documentary of China. A Children of China Film (DVD)	2005	Part of the series "Children of China" (along with "One Year in Ping Wei" and "Land of the Dragon")	Pearl River Productions	30 min	
	One Day in Ping Wei: A Documentary of China. A Children of China Film (DVD)	2004	Part of the series "Children of China" (along with "New Year in Ping Wei" and "Land of the Dragon")	Pearl River Productions	30 min	
	The Pacific Century: The Two Coasts of China; Asia and the Challenge of the West (DVD & VHS)	1992	The collision of East and West in the early 19th century as aggressive Westerners sought to "open" Asia.	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
	The Pacific Century: Writers and Revolutionaries (DVD)	1992	Writers and Revolutionaries shows how the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations were named for and modeled after the May 4th Movement of Chinese students in the early 20th century. Those earlier demonstrators were inspired by Lu Xun, an intellectual who used his satiric stories to look at the traditional strengths and weaknesses of China.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	9-16+
	Please Vote For Me (DVD)	2007	This unique film studies a third grade experiment in democratically choosing the class leader. The filmmaker chronicles not only the pressure tactics used by the three students with regard to their classmates, but shows the ways that the parents of the candidates become tightly involved with the process. This film is both funny and sad.	First Run Features. A film by Weijun Chen	58 Min	7-16+
	Porcelain for emperors	1993	Wonderful treatment of porcelain production, step by step.	Arthur Sackler Gallery	12 min. 25 sec.	7-16
	The Power of Place: World Regional Geography - Unit 22: Life in China's Frontier Cities	1996	This film looks at the settlement of Lanzhou in northwestern China and the struggling manufacturing industry in Shenyang.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	11-16+

The Power of Place: World Regional Geography - Unit 23: China's Metropolitan Heartland, Unit 24: The Booming Maritime Edge	1996	Case Studies: Physical location and government policy bolster development in Shanghai; Recent industrialization near Nanjing; Industrialization: the Nike experience in Guangdong; Hsinchu Science Park in Taiwan	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	30 min	11-16+
Preschool in Three Cultures (China, Japan & U.S.)	1989	A super film for teachers. The film shows a typical day in a preschool in three countries. The materials compare the preschool education practices and philosophies in each country. Includes a discussion of the issues of freedom, conformity, creativity, and discipline. The footage was shot for research purposes and is not of broadcast quality.	Fourth Wave Productions Tobin, Wu, & Davidson	58 min	9-16+
Rape of Nanking	1999	This film is hard to view as it conveys both still and motion pictures of the brutal subjugation of Nanking, China, during 1937.	A&E TV Networks	50 min	13-16+
Religions of China	2001	Since the dawn of recorded history, China has offered a fertile spiritual climate for a wide range of religious and belief systems, producing Confucianism and Taoism while nurturing ancestor worship, Mahayana Buddhism, and in a smaller proportion Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. In this program the author seeks to understand the religions of China - officially a religion-free zone during China's period of strict Communist rule - as well as the holistically oriented practices of traditional Chinese medicine and tai chi	Films for Humanities Inc.	57 minutes, color	9-16+
Return from Silence: China's Revolutionary Writers	1994	Five Chinese writers who have witnessed and participated in the political and social changes in China, from the May Fourth Movement in 1919 to the Cultural Revolution, tell their stories.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	11-16+
Save the Panda	2002	The film is an investigation of life and survival conditions of Pandas in China	National Geographic Society	60 min.	9-16+
Secrets of the Great Wall	1999	See a true and accurate view of the complex route of the Great Wall with the latest satellite images and unprecedented access. Also watch as computer graphics bring the Great Wall back to life and explores its history.	Discovery Channel	52 min	9-16+
Secrets of Lost Empire II: China Bridge	2000	Ingeniously designed bridges, like the Song Dynasty's Rainbow Bridges, typify China's inventive past. While not a single Rainbow Bridge remains, the mystery of their construction continues to puzzle historians, scholars, and engineers. This documentary reveals some of the mysteries. Narrated by Stacy Keach.	WGBH Educational Foundation	60 min	9-16+
Shanghai: The New Chinese Way	2002	A beneficiary of post-Maoist economic reform, Shanghai has been modernizing at a remarkable rate as foreign investment pours into that venerable city. This program tracks the progress of Shanghai's makeover through the diverse voices of its citizens - children of modernity, swept up in the economic revolution, and elders who have witnessed the revolution of Chinese communism over the course of the 20th century.	Humanities and Sciences	52 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: Where the Horses Fly Like the Wind	1992	The viewers cross the imposing Tian Shan Mountains and meet the Kazakhs. These Kazakhs, commonly referred to as Cossacks, are descendants of Mongols, and are nomadic wanderers who still uphold most of the traditions and daily routines of their ancient Hun forefathers. The viewers also enter a no-man's land between the Chinese and Russian border.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: Through the Tian Shan Mountains by Rail	1992	This video begins in the oasis city of Turfan and Korla. The trip is through the Gobi Desert and beyond the ominous Tian Shan Mountain Range.	NHK	55 min	9-16+

The Silk Road: Khotan-Oasis of Silk and Jade	1992	This video shows the Kun-Lun Mountains, 20,000 feet high, where jade has been mined for over two thousand years. It includes the rediscovery of Dandan Oilik, the great Buddhist temple city.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: Journey Into Music - South Through the Tian Shan Mountains	1992	The viewers see the "Pearl of the Desert" at the edge of the Taklamakan, and pass through Tien-men-quan, the most formidable mountain pass in the world.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: Two Roads to the Pamirs	1992	See the town of Kashgar in time to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Visit the Buddhist caves and a Tajik wedding.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: A Heat Wave Called Turfan	1992	This video shows the Turfan Basin, which is the place called "the land of fire." It is located between the Tian-Shan mountains and Taklamakan desert.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: An Ancient World Adventure: Glories of Ancient Chang-An	1990	This program visits modern day Xi-an, formerly Chang-an, the starting point of the Silk Road and the world's largest city when it was the capital of Tang Dynasty China in the seventh century.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: An Ancient World Adventure: In Search of the Kingdom Lou-Lan	1990	Learn about the lost kingdom of Lou-Lan, which vanished into the sands of the desert when the nearby lake Lop Nor moved away. Learn about trade items, burial area, and mummy found at the Lou-Lan site.	NHK	55 min	9-16+
Small Happiness: Part of One Village in China (High School Version) 2 copies	1984	Women from Long Bow village tell their own stories of lives that are very different from their grandmother's. They usually have no say in their marriage. While many work outside the home, male dominance is slow to disappear.	Carma Hinton and Richard Gordon	37 min	9-12
The Sprouts of Capitalism in China	around 1997	Recounts the rise to prosperity of one family in Sichuan. Mr. Yang moves from construction worker to ice cream production to real estate development.	Documentary Educational Resources	30 min	9-16+
Suzhou Gardens		Fairly good coverage of Chinese gardens with special attention to some of the best ones. Rather amateurish production.	HUWA Publishing House	30 min	11-16+
The Three Gorges Dam (VHS) (2 Copies)	1998	Explains the entire process of building a huge dam on the Yangzi River. Interviews many residents of the area.	Discovery Channel	60 min	9-16+
Traditional Chinese Medicine (DVD)	200?	This program traces the development of traditional Chinese medicine, shares the important legends of Chinese medicine, including Shenongshi, Bianque, Zhangzhongjing, and Lishizhen.	HUWA Publishing House	30 min	7-12
Villages of Xidi and Hongcun (DVD)		Film does a good job of conveying the history of the Huizhou region based on a wealthy merchant class. Complete focus on Anhui province. In addition to showing the unique and impressive houses in the 2 title towns, it shows a lot of the memorial arches in places like Tangyue.	HUWA Publishing House	30 Min	9-16+
Wild Swans	1997	Jung Chang, author of the biography "Wild Swans," is shown in this movie discussing with her mother the events of the book. Archival and contemporary footage is interwoven into the narrative.	Filmmaker's Library	59 min	13-16+
The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith	1996	Born in China of missionary parents, Smith learned about Chinese language, culture, and religion while growing up near Shanghai. Smith explains how the intertwining of opposites is key to understanding the great religions of China - Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. Smith shows that Eastern religions provide "an emphasis on direct experience and a method for attaining that". He introduces yoga, which he has been practicing for 50 years, as one such method	Public Affairs Television	58 minutes, color	11-16+
World in the Balance (DVD)	2004	Excellent treatment of population issues--truly global in scope, concerning Japan, Europe, Russia, India, and Africa. The 2nd hour focuses entirely on China	PBS NOVA	120 Min	9-16

	A World of Ideas with Bill Moyers. A Confucian life in America with Tu Wei Ming	1980	Explores the relevance of Confucian thought to the world today	PBS	28 min.	9-16+
	The Year of the Yao.	2005	In this powerful and inspiring true story, Chinese basketball superstar Yao Ming faces incredible challenge on and off the court as he journeys from Shanghai to the Houston Rockets to become a true global hero. An interesting side story focuses on Yao Ming's translator.	Fine Line Features		7-16+

KOREA

Korea - Feature Films

	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	Chunhyang	2001	A beautiful presentation of one of Korea's most famous stories. Mixes traditional story telling and re-enactment.	Kwon Taek	120 min	11-16+
	Chunhyang (DVD)	2001	See above	Kwon Taek	120 min	11-16+
	The Manchurian Candidate (DVD)	2004	A reinterpretation of the classic film from the 1950's that deals with the treatment of POWs during the Korean War. Very mysterious. This version stars Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep.	Jonathan Demme	129 min	12-16
	Please Teach Me English (DVD)	2003		Kim Sung-soo	118 min	
	Shiri (DVD)	1999	This violent espionage film broke Korean box office records. A phantom sniper methodically assassinates key figures in a South Korean intelligence investigation. Special agent Ryu and his partner Lee suspect North Korea's most lethal female operative, Hee.	Je-gyu Kang	125 min	12-16+
	Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring	2002	A Buddhist monastery floats on a raft amidst a breathtaking landscape, tended to by a solitary Monk. Into this serene setting comes a young child, who will become the Old Monk's protégé and so begins a lifelong journey of hope, despair, passion and redemption in a film hailed as a triumph of sheer cinematic craft.	Korea Pictures/LJ Film		12-16+
	Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War (DVD)	2004	In Korean with English Subtitles. focuses on the violence of the Korean War for the soldiers themselves as well as the devastation endured by the South Koreans. This film is replete with graphic violence but perhaps no more so than American war films. If you can stand it, the film presents an excellent way to appreciate the difficult lives of Koreans in the mid-twentieth century.	Kang Je-Gyu	148 min	11-16+
	The Way Home	2002	The Way Home is the story of Sang-woo, a seven year old boy from the city, and his elderly grandmother, a deaf-mute who has spent her entire life in a small rural village. Sang-woo's mother is forced to send him to live with his grandmother. He is shocked at what he finds - a place without electricity, indoor plumbing, or access to fast food restaurants. Angry and confused, he rejects his grandmother's attempts to please him, but, as time passes, the old woman's kindness, begins to touch the young boy's heart - awakening curiosity, understanding, and finally love.	Paramount	88 min.	9-16+
	Why Has Bodhi Dharma Left for the East?	1989	In a remote monastery high up in the mountains, an old master, a young monk, and an orphaned boy devote themselves to their Buddhist teachings. As the master faces death, he must lead his disciples away from their past ties to the outside world and its rapidly changing values, and point them toward their quest for enlightenment.	Yong-Kyun Bae	135 min	13-16+

Korea - Documentary Films

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	An Initiation Kut for a Korean Shaman	1991	This famous film shows a woman trying to become a shaman.	Laurel Kendall and Diana Lee	37 min	13-16+

Cloud Path, Journey of a Wandering Monk (DVD)	2005?	When teaching about Buddhism, this film would prove very useful. It focuses completely on a Western man who has committed himself to the life of a Buddhist monk. The film follows his life over a period of half a year.	Korea Foundation	53	9-16+
Families of Korea	1995	Documentary from a child's point of view.	Arden Films	30 min	K-12
Hidden Korea	2000	This film is an introduction to and a reminder of Korea's rich culture and ancient society. The film focuses on the special foods unique to Korea.	Jan Thompson	60 min	9-16+
Inside North Korea (DVD)	2006	This film will prove useful for many different teaching levels. The investigator, Lisa Ling, served as part of an international medical team. She and her camera crew present many intriguing perspectives not available in other film treatments.	Lisa Ling, National Geographic	52 Min	7-16+
Inside the Hermit Kingdom: North Korea (DVD)	200?	The film's narrator is a Korean American who returns to discover what is really happening in North Korea. She weaves documentary film footage throughout the scenes of her visit.	Filmakers Library	52 Min	11-16+
Korea: Ancient Treasure, Modern Wonder	1997	This film shows the effects of modernization on traditional values, covers the roles of education and religion, relates Korean history and culture to that of China and Japan, and discusses the leadership succession in North Korea.	Humanities and Sciences	29 min	9-16+
Korea: McArthur's War		Valuable documentary treatment.	EVN	50 min	9-16+
Korean Arts & Lifestyle 1: The Dynamic Culture of Contemporary Korea (DVD)	2005?	This DVD contains an overall introduction and includes material on traditional values, shamanism, a great section on drumming, the film industry and popular culture. This is a good intro for the teacher but only selected parts would interest students	Korea Foundation	40 min	6-12
Korean Arts & Lifestyle 2: The Clothes, Foods and Houses of Korea (DVD)	2005?	This program focuses on three areas of Korean life. The HOMES section emphasizes the natural aspect of the materials used in the traditional home--bamboo and soil. There is an excellent section on the traditional GARMENT, the hanbok. As for FOOD this part would be great to use with students since it emphasizes the fermenting process, the preparation of kimchee, and the large role of fish.	Korea Foundation	40 min	6-12
Korean Arts & Lifestyle 3: The Life of Koreans (DVD)	2005?	This wonderful film is totally focused on filial piety and traces its applicability to modern Korean life through the treatment of infants, marriage and family issues and leading to death practices. Would be valuable to use when teaching about Confucianism.	Korea Foundation	40 min	6-12
Korean Arts & Lifestyle 4: The Beauty of Traditional Korean Arts (DVD)	2005?	Among the art forms treated are painting, ceramics, music, and dance.	Korea Foundation	40 min	6-12
Korean Cinema Unleashed (DVD)	?		Korea Foundation	52 min	
Korean Information Center: Tape I		Short segments on handicrafts, a shoemaker, potter, etc.	Korean Information Center	30 min	K-12
Korean Information Center: Tape II		Short segments covering music, overview of Seoul, culture in general.	Korean Information Center	30 min	K-12
The Korean War	2002	This program documents the partitioning of Korea, the battles for Seoul, Incheon, and Pusan; the entry of Chinese troops into the war; the armistice at Panmunjom and the establishment of a demilitarized zone. It also shows the war's aftermath in the North.	Films for Humanities Inc.	30 min.	9-16

	North Korea: Secret Nation	2004	This undercover report documents the stark poverty and extreme repression in North Korea that exist alongside spectacular cultural events	Films for Humanities and Sciences	19 min.	K-12
	The Pacific Century: The Fight for Democracy (2 copies VHS, 1 Copy DVD)	1992	How economic growth has fostered Korea's democratic aspirations.	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
	South Korea: From Illiteracy to Affluence	1998	This program examines the important role of education in Korea.	Humanities and Sciences	29 min	9-12
	South Korea: Struggle for Democracy	1998	Uses news footage and interviews to explore the country's on-going struggle.	Humanities and Sciences	28 min	9-12
	A State of Mind (DVD)	2005	This amazing film chronicles two school girls as they prepare for the 2003 mass games in North Korea. Through the film you meet their families, watch their practices, and gain unusual insight into the functioning of the North Korean government	Kino Video	94 min	7-12+
	Tune in Korea: Geography and Society (2 Copies)	1999	This film covers many areas: geography, history, family, belief systems, education and Korea's place in the world. It is nicely geared to the middle school level with teenagers introducing each discrete section.	Asia Society	60 min	6-9
	Welcome to North Korea (VHS)	2001	This film, shot mostly covertly, shows the irony of a regime where 20 million people live in poverty, some on the brink of starvation, while former dictator Kim Il Sung builds extravagant monuments to reflect his power.	A film by Peter Tetteroo for KRO Television	50 min	9-12+
	You Were My Inspiration (DVD)	2003	On this DVD from the Oprah Winfrey Show is a 15 minute segment which deals with the interview with Helie Lee who wrote the books, STILL LIFE WITH RICE and IN THE ABSENCE OF SUN. The DVD segment should be used with those books and helps one understand the motivation and experiences of this Korean-American young woman.			7-12

SOUTH ASIA

South Asia - Feature Films

	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	Apu Trilogy (1) World of Apu	50's	Winner of Academy Award Lifetime Achievement Award, director Satyajit Ray reached his greatest heights with this three-part story of a Bengali boy's life from birth through manhood.	Satyajit Ray	110 min	11-16+
	Apu Trilogy (2) Aparajito	50's	Winner of Academy Award Lifetime Achievement Award, director Satyajit Ray reached his greatest heights with this three-part story of a Bengali boy's life from birth through manhood.	Satyajit Ray	110 min	11-16+
	Apu Trilogy (3) Pather Panchali	50's	Winner of Academy Award Lifetime Achievement Award, director Satyajit Ray reached his greatest heights with this three-part story of a Bengali boy's life from birth through manhood.	Satyajit Ray	110 min	11-16+
	Lagaan	2002	Enchanting musical, four-hour-long epic about a ragtag group of 19th-century Indian farmers who form a cricket team to take on an arrogant British captain.	Aamir Khan	225 min	11-16+

South Asia - Documentary Films

#	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	Emerging Powers: India	1996	Indian TV correspondent and producer Anita Ratnam takes a look at India's "liberalization program" that has made India one of the hottest global markets.	Wall Street Journal Video	50 min	9-16+
	Families of India	1995	Documentary from a child's point of view.	Arden Films	30 min	K-12

	Hinduism and Buddhism	1996	This program explores the two great religions to come from India.	Public Affairs Television	58 min	9-16+
	India: The Empire of the Spirit	1991	"Legacy" series. This film traces the significant cultural developments of Indian civilization from 1500 B.C.E. to 1800 C.E.	Maryland Public Television	57 min	11-16+
	India: Land of Spirits and Mystique	1998	Overview of traditional history.	EVN	60 min	11-16+
	The Indian Festival of Lights	1995	Made in Pittsburgh. Instruction concerning the celebration.	Saroj Bahn	10 min	K-8
	Indus - The Unvoiced Civilization	2001	The details of the Indus Valley civilization are slowly being extracted from the archaeological record. In this program, a Harvard University professor, an archeologist, a linguist and other experts investigate the language, customs, and beliefs of the inhabitants of Mohenjo-daro, Harappa, Dholavira, and Kalibangan. Satellite photo, maps, relics, and a 3-D computer recreation of Dholavira and its water management system shed light on topics including the enigmatic Sarasvati River and Indus Valley links to Bahrain and Mesopotamia.	Humanities and Sciences	59 min	9-16+
	Kamala and Raji	1991	A gripping examination of two women involved in India's SEWA organization (Self Employed Women's Association).	Michael Camerini	47 min	9-16+
	Pakistan: Mound of the Dead		Informative treatment of the 3000 year old archeological remains of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro.		27 min	11-16+
	Puja: Expressions of Hinduism (3 Copies)	1996	This tape includes three segments. The opening segment offers an overview of the practice of puja. The second segment presents a woman worshipping at her household shrine in India. The third shows people conducting pujas at an outdoor shrine to the goddess Chandi in Puri District in Orissa, India. Includes footage of American Hindus discussing puja.	Arthur M. Sackler Gallery	29 min	7-16+
	Saheri's Choice	1998	Examines arranged marriage in India. Focuses on one family. Superb photography portraying village life.	Humanities and Sciences	27 min	11-16+
	Taj Mahal: The Story of Muslim India		Standard historical survey of the Mughal period.	EVN	24 min	9-16+

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Southeast Asia - Documentary Films

Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
Cambodia: year ten	1989	A bleak assessment of Cambodia 10 years after the fall of the Khmer Rouge		60 min.	9-16+
Cambodia's Children Investing in Their Future	1996	Short film publicizing educational improvements.	Asian Development Bank	10 min	11-16+
Changing Faces of Communism: Vietnam	1990	Provides excellent scenery of this basically agricultural society. Made before the advent of limited free market reforms.	National Geographic Society	25 min	7-16+
Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam	1987	This tape would be very useful with US history classes. It combines original letter excerpts with photos from the Vietnam war.	HBO	84 min	10-16
The Pacific Century: From the Barrel of a Gun (DVD)	1992	From the Barrel of the Gun describes Ho Chi Minh's life as a child in French-controlled Vietnam and as a student in Paris. It explains how he turned to communism after the Treaty of Versailles ignored the rights and wishes of Asians.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	9-16+
Hidden Temples: Cambodia's Angkor Wat	2001	Angkor Wat's magnificent temples and vast reservoirs comprise the single largest religious complex ever built. This program shows how archeologists such as Dr. Elizabeth Moore of the University of London teamed up with NASA to use imaging radar from space to solve the mysteries of this thousand-year old city.	Discovery Channel	26 min	9-16+

	Indonesia: Riding the Tiger - (1) Kings and Coolies	1995	Examines Indonesia under Dutch rule and during the early years of the struggle for independence.	Humanities and Sciences	52 min	11-16+
	Indonesia: Riding the Tiger - (2) Freedom and Death	1995	Reviews the impact of Japanese rule through a focus on one small community.	Humanities and Sciences	55 min	11-16+
	Indonesia: Riding the Tiger - (3) The New Order	1995	Evaluates Suharto's rule from 1966 to the mid 1990's.	Humanities and Sciences	53 min	11-16+
	The Power of Place: World Regional Geography - (25) Mainland Southeast Asia, (26) Maritime Southeast Asia	1996	This video includes two half-programs exploring geographic concepts. "Mainland Southeast Asia" is about Laos and Vietnam, and "Maritime Southeast Asia" focuses on Indonesia, and also on the ethnic mix of Malaysia.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	11-16+
	Vietnam	early 90's	General overview of Vietnam's history and culture.	International Video Network	54 min	9-12+
	Vietnam's Water Paradox	1996	Explores the reasons Vietnam's countryside receives too much water and the cities too little.	Asian Development Bank	10 min	11-16+

GENERAL ASIA AND ASIAN AMERICAN

General Asia and Asian American - Documentary Films

Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
American Story: Fukuyama Family	1989	This program describes the immigrant experience of three generations of a single Japanese American family, including the devastating effect of the internment of Japanese Americans by the U.S. government during World War II.	ADL Media	24 min	7-12
Between Two Cultures: Japan in America	90's	Taiko drumming in Newport; a Japanese-owned horse farm; Toyota auto plant, etc.	International Business Council	57 min	7-16
Bhutan: In Pursuit of Gross National Happiness	1997	Explores the country's natural resources and its cautious moves toward a more modern society.	Asian Development Bank	10 min	11-16+
Buddhism: The Middle Way of Compassion	90's	This documentary presents eight topics, including: the life of Buddha, the concept of karma, and the noble eight fold path of Buddha's teachings.	Delphi Productions	25 min	
China: Land of My Father	1979	Portrays the visit by Felicia Lowe, a media journalist, to her father's original home in China.	Felicia Lowe	28 min	13-16+
Connected: Careers for the Future	1997	A guide to international careers for young people of color. Among others, Charlene Hunter-Gault, an award-winning journalist, talks about her career.	Melinda Yee	30 min	9-12
Doctrinal Dimension: Islam	1992	This video explores the Islamic doctrines and ethical practices that underlie Islamic society. It discusses the five pillars of Islam, explores the meaning behind the prayer ritual, explains the significance of the Koran, and considers such key Islamic concepts as shirk, shari'a, and jihad.	Insight Media	60 min	9-16+
Doubles: Japan and America's Intercultural Children	1995	During the occupation of Japan, fraternization between U.S. soldiers and Japanese women resulted in a number of children being born in and out of wedlock, producing a new generation of intercultural children who are growing up in both America and Japan. What is life like for them in Japan? In America?	Regge Life	59 min	11-16+
Five Thoughts on Asian Art	1995	Superb photographic presentation of East Asian porcelains, calligraphy, furniture, and other art forms.	Seattle Art Museum	48 min	9-16+
Introducing East Asia		General overview using documentary footage.		26 min	9-12

	Islam - Empire of Faith (2 tapes)	2000	These two tapes are invaluable as an overview of the origins and growth of Islam. Mainly for teachers. While excellent for understanding Islam and the Middle East, it virtually ignores events in the Far East while making many comparisons with Europe. Narrated by Ben Kingsley.	Gardner Films	180 min	13-16+
	The Long Search: Islam - There is no God but God	1978	This program explores the basic beliefs of Islam. The viewer is taken to Egypt to take part in a wedding, visit an oasis, go to a market town, participate in prayers, and visit Cairo.	Ambrose Video	52 min	7-16+
	Mosque	1992	Provides an introduction to Islam that begins with a tour of a Muslim mosque in Cairo, Egypt. The common roots of Christianity and Judaism are also presented.	Maryknoll World Productions	28 min	7-16+
	Multicultural Peoples of North America: Chinese Americans	1993	This series shows the impact of each ethnic group on the growth of the U.S. and Canada and the contributions made by individuals from each group. These programs are based on the highly acclaimed "People of North America" series.	Schlesinger Video Productions	30 min	4-10
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	The Pacific Century: The Future of the Pacific Basin (DVD)	1992	Looks at the difficult social problems--pollution, population, trade friction, immigration--that are shared by the entire region. In context of the economic and ecological interdependence, examines emerging international conflicts and possible solutions.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60	9-16+
	The Pacific Century: Sentimental Imperialists: America in Asia (DVD)	1992	Examines American attitudes toward Asia from 1776 to the present. The merchants, missionaries, and Marines--however well intentioned--often saw in Asia and Asians what they wanted to see, rather than the realities of those cultures and peoples.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60	9-16+
	Preschool in Three Cultures (China, Japan & U.S.)	1989	A super film for teachers. The film shows a typical day in a preschool in three countries. The materials compare the preschool education practices and philosophies in each country. Includes a discussion of the issues of freedom, conformity, creativity, and discipline. The footage was shot for research purpose and is not of broadcast quality.	Fourth Wave Productions Tobin, Wu, & Davidson	58 min	9-16+
	Religions of the World: Islam	1999	Viewers will learn about Islam's history, culture, the daily life of rituals, customs, as well as Islamic art, architecture, and calligraphy. Narrated by Ben Kingsley.	Schlesinger Media	50 min	9-16+
	Struggle and Success: The African American Experience in Japan	1993	Despite the perception of most Americans that Japanese view African Americans and other ethnic minorities as inferior, some African Americans have made Japan their home and profess to find Japanese culture more tolerant overall than American culture. This documentary, narrated by Ossie Davis, examines the complex lives of African Americans living in Japan.	Regge Life	85 min	9-16+
	Urban Poverty In Bangladesh: Improving Slum Life	1996	Focuses on one slum improvement project in Dinajpur.	Asian Development Bank	10 min	11-16+