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Video and DVD Collection

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		JAPAN			
		Japan - Feature Films			
Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
All About Lily Chou-Chou (DVD)		A junior-high student's obsession with a singer, Lily Chou-Chou, cannot protect him from the harsh reality of his life. Note: contains dark themes that may warrant an R rating.	Shunji Iwai	146 min	10-16+

Big Bird in Japan (VHS)		A musical adventure - Big Bird and Barkley the Dog traveling through Japan.	Children's Television Workshop	60 min	K-12
Black Rain (VHS)		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 (DVD)		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+
Check It Out, Yo! (DVD) Please note: our copy is a "Region 2" DVD. It will not play on standard American players, but it will work on a computer that has been set to play "Region 2" DVDs.		Four friends on the island of Okinawa become bored with their lives, until one day they meet a beautiful woman at a hip-hop concert. To try to attract her attention, these friends decide to try starting their own music group. Things take an unexpected turn when the band gets a chance to perform an opening act for a hot new band's local concert. Can they pull it off?	Miyamoto, Rieko	117 min	
Retainers (DVD)	improved	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+
Departures (DVD)		Out of work with nowhere to go, cellist Kobayashi Daigo (Motoki Masahiro) and his wife (Hirosue Ryoko) leave Tokyo and move back to his sleepy hometown. Daigo answers a help-wanted ad for what he thinks is a travel agency, but turns out to be an encoffinment agency.	Yojiro Takita	131 min	9-16
Dreams (DVD)	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 films 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 portrayal of the the mountains north of Nagoya.	John Williams	105 min	9-16+
The Funeral (DVD)	1987	When Chizuko's ornery father unexpectedly dies, the undertaking of the three-day funeral is too much to handle. Her family and especially her husband Wabisuke, find themselves in hilarious situations as the younger generation struggles with the complex rituals of the Buddhist ceremony that are fading fast from modern Japanese life. Note: contains dark themes that may warrant an R rating.	Juzo Itami	124 min	
Gojira / Godzilla Deluxe Collector's Edition (DVD)	2006	This package contains: * Godzilla (1954 Japanese Edition-english subtitles) * King of the Monsters (1956 U.S. Release Edtion-english v/o dub)	Terry Morse	175 min	
Godzilla (DVD)	1998	Nuclear testing resurrects Godzilla and it's up to a select group of people to stop him before he completely destroys New York City and perhaps the world. This is an American remake of the original Japanese film.	Roland Emmerich	139 min	7-12+
The Happiness of the Katakuris (DVD)	2001	The Katakuris are an average family whose dream is to own a successful country inn. But soon things begin to go wrong when each of their guests ends up dead by suicide, accient, or murder. Black comedy.	Miike Takashi	113 min	12-16-
Hula Girls	2007	Based on a true story, HULA GIRLS is a heartwarming comedy about coal miners daughters who took a once-in-a-lifetime chance to escape their monotonous lives, only to become unwitting heroes to their depressed mining town as well as the whole of Japan.	Lee Sang-il	200 min	9-16+

 Kabei: Our Mother (DVD)	2009	A close knit family of four - Mother Kayo "Kabei" (Sayuri Yoshinaga), Father Shigeru "Tobei" (Mitsugoro Bando), eldest daughter Hatsu (Mirai Shida) and youngest child Teru (Miku	Yoji Yamada	133 min	
		Sato) - has their lives changed forever when Shigeru gets arrested under the Peace Preservation Law for his morally controversial writings against the nation. Set in the late 30s where Japan had begun their "crusade" in China, and thereafter their participation in WWII.			
Kagemusha (VHS)	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+
Kamikaze Girls (DVD)	2006	Momoko, who dresses in frills and lace and wishes she'd been born in 18th century France, and Ichigo, a rough-riding bike thug, form an unlikely alliance and friendship.	Tetsuya Nakashima	102 min	7-16+
Kikujiro	2000	Lonely nine-year-old Masao leaves Tokyo in search of his mother, a woman he's never met. He's accompanied on his journey by surly, middle-aged petty crook Kikujiro, who gambles away all of Masao's money, forcing them to rely on their wits and the kindness of colorful strangers. Rated PG-13.	Sony Pictures	116 min	9-16+
Kwaidan	2000	Winner of the Special Jury Prize at Cannes, Kwaidan features four nightmarish tales in which terror thrives and demons lurk. Adapted from traditional Japanese ghost stories, this lavish, widescreen production drew extensively on Kobayashi's own training as a student of painting and fine arts.	Criterion	125 min	
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	Viz Pictures, Inc	114 min	9-13
		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.			
Living on Tokyo Time (VHS)	1990	After a failed romance, a young Japanese woman goes to New	Steven Okazaki	120 min	13-16-
		York and quickly marries a Japanese-American man in order to			
		obtain a green card.			
The Magnificent Seven (DVD)	1960	This needs to be seen after viewing the Seven Samurai and is	John Sturges	128 min	9-16+
		truly a Western cowboy version of this Japanese film.			
Memories of Matsuko (DVD)	2006	When the body of a female tramp is found in the park, her	Nakashima,	130 min	
Please note: our copy is a		nephew, Shou, is called upon to clean out her abandoned	Tetsuya		
"Region 2" DVD. It will not play		apartment. He unwittingly embarks upon a surprising journey			
on standard American players,		through the extraordinary life of his aunt, Matsuko, a starry-eyed			
but it will work on a computer		female searching for her prince. A collision of visually stunning			
that has been set to play		hues and Bob Fosse-like musical set pieces, this Amelie-esque			
"Region 2" DVDs.		fairytale gracefully glides through the decades from the 50s to			
		the 80s. Miki Nakatani displays an award winning performance			
		as Matsuko, engaging the audience with her touching portrayal			
		of life. (Amazon.com)			
Mr. Baseball (VHS)	1992	Tom Selleck stars in this hilarious comedy about an arrogant	Fred Schepisi	108 min	7-16+
		and aging major-league baseball player who attempts to revive			
		his career by signing to play in Japan.			
Nana (DVD)	2005	Based on the popular manga by Ai Yazawa.	Kentaro Otani	114 min	
Nobody Knows (DVD)	2004	A young mother leaves her four children alone and they must	Kore-Eda Hirokazu	139 min	11-16-
		figure out how to survive.			

Oriume (Broken Plum Blossoms/Bent Plum Branches) (DVD) Please note: our copy is a "Region 2" DVD. It will not play on standard American players, but it will work on a computer that has been set to play "Region 2" DVDs.	2004	Oriume tells the story of a suburban Aichi prefecture family coping with Alzheimer's, from the point of housewife Tomoe, who is the primary caretaker of her aging mother-in-law, Masako. Based on the real-life journal of a housewife who had seen the director's earlier film on the subject, Oriume chronicles the changes to the family as Masako must move in with her son as her illness progresses, while also discovering hidden artistic talents.	Matsui, Hisako	111min	12-16+
Ran (DVD)	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 (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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 (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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 (VHS)	1962	Watch Yojimbo first, since this film is a sequel. While in	Akira Kurosawa	96 min	9-16+
		Yojimbo, Sanjuro was a figure of retribution in a town torn apart			
		by violence, in Sanjuro 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.			
Seven Samurai (DVD)	1954	An extraordinary tale of adventure, romance, humor, and	Akira Kurosawa	208 min	9-16+
		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.			
Shall We Dance? (DVD)	1994		Masyuki Soo	119 min	9-16+
		he signs up for ballroom dance classes to meet the attractive			
		dance teacher.			
Shogun (VHS)	1980	5 <i>i</i>	James Clavell	120 min	9-12+
		the adventures of a strong-willed English navigator who is			
		shipwrecked in 16th century Japan.			
5 ()	2004	ragtag group of misfit girls in a summer remedial math class	Yaguchi, Shinobu	105 min	9-16+
our copy is a "Region 2" DVD. It		accidentally give food poisoning to the entire brass band club			
will not play on standard		when they deliver their lunches. The sole survivor, a boy named			
American players, but it will		Nakamura, demands that they take over for the band in time to			
work on a computer that has		play for an upcoming baseball game. The gals all pick their			
been set to play "Region 2"		instruments, and Nakamura puts them through their rigorous			
DVDs.		training. The regular brass band recovers just in time for the			
		game, but by then the gals all have picked up the Jazz bug, and			
		decide to keep their little band together and try out for a Winter			
		competition. They recruit a conductor in the form of their math			
		teacher Ozawa (played by the great Takenaka Naoto, who			
		should and does appear in every single film in this genre), and			1
		hijinks ensue. (Amazon.com)			

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. Written, directed and edited by Katsuhito ISHII, The Taste of Tea is a unique and gentle family portrait tackling the universal themes of time, people and their lives.	Katsuhito Ishii	143 min	
A Taxing Woman (DVD)	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. Ryondo 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+
Train Man: Densha Otoko (D	V D) 2005	A computer engineer otaku who has never had a girlfriend in his life saves a pretty young women on a commuter train from a lecherous molester, he seeks out his pals on a popular Internet BBS website for some dating advice, using his pseudonym Tain_Man	Shosuke Murakami	102 min	
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.	136 min	9-16+

	Twilight Samurai	2004	Seibei Iguchi (Hiroyuki Sanada) is a low-ranking samurai living in the fading days of the Shogun period in Japan. His wife has died of tuberculosis, and with two daughters and an elderly mother to support, he and his family must survive in austerity. The divorce of his childhood friend Tomoe (Rie Miyazawa) leads him into a confrontation with her violent ex-husband, a high ranking samurai, and Seibei triumph against all odds. Just Seibei as begins to dream that despite his impoverishment he might win the hand of the long loved Tomoe, he is caught in the shifting turmoil of the times. His superiors, having heard of his sword-fighting prowess, order him on a dangerous mission: kill a renowned warrior who is on the wrong side of a clan power struggle.	First Run Features	129 min	7-16+
	Waterboys (DVD) Please note: our copy is a "Region 2" DVD. It will not play on standard American players, but it will work on a computer that has been set to play "Region 2" DVDs.	2001	Suzuki is the only member of the swimming team at Tadano Boy's High School until the new swimming teacher arrives and she is an extremely "hot babe". Suddenly everybody wants to be on the swim team until they discover that what she teaches is Synchronised Swimming. Apparently, this is considered an extremely non-manly thing to do in Japan. Only five pupils decide to stick with it anyway, for personal reasons that you will discover through the course of the movie. Everyone laughs at them, ridicules them and above all doubts them so naturally the impetus to succeed is strong. (IMDb.com)		90 min	9-16+
	Yojimbo (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+
		1	Japan - Animated Films	1		
#	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
	Akira: 25 th Anniversary Edition	2013	One of the most well-known Japanese anime films. A cyberpunk classic set in a futuristic Tokyo	Funimation		(11-16+)

Animated Classics of Japanese Literature: Botchan (DVD)	1994	Botchan sets out for his first teaching assignment. He never anticipated what would await him English subtitles.	Natsume Soseki	52 min	K-12+
Animated Classics of Japanese Literature: The Izu Dancer (Kawabata), Dancing Girl (Mori) (VHS)		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
	1986	Animated Classics of Japanese Literature	Mishima Yukio	52 min	K-12+
Animated Classics of Japanese Literature: The Wind Rises & The Fruit of Olympus (VHS)	1994	Part of the "Animated Classics of Japanese Literature"	Hori Tatsuo; Tanaka Hidemitsu	52 min	
Barefoot Gen (DVD)		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. It is challenging to analyze the extent to which this represents a fair treatment of the events, since it was made in 1983.	Keiji Nakazawa	83 min	16+
The Cat Returns (DVD)		After Haru saves a cat that happens to be the prince of the Cat Kingdom, she finds her life taking a turn for the unusual as the Cat King tries to reward her for saving his son.	Studio Ghibli	75 min	5-16+

I Can Hear the Sea / Ocean	1993	Directed by Tomomi Mochizuki (Princess Nine) and based upon	Mochizuki, Tomomi	72	
Waves (Umi ga Kikoeru). (DVD)		author, essayist and playwright Saeko Himuro's most popular,		minutes	
Please note: our copy is a		best selling novel, Ocean Waves is one of the most poignant			
"Region 2" DVD. It will not play		and unsung masterpieces within Studio Ghibli's legendary			
on standard American players,		creative output. Wonderfully detailed and incredibly subtle, there			
but it will work on a computer		are very few films in the history of animation that have managed			
that has been set to play		to capture so well the joys and drama of adolescence and			
"Region 2" DVDs.		teenage alienation. Kochi is your average coastal town on the			
		sleepy, idyllic island of Shikoku and young Taku is definitely			
		your average high school student. But soon his quiet life will be			
		turned upside down with the arrival of Rikako: a beautiful,			
		female student recently transferred from Tokyo. By the end of			
		term Taku will have learnt a valuable lesson in love and			
		friendship. (Amazon.com)			
Kiki's Delivery Service (DVD)	2000	Kiki's Delivery Service is the story of magic and discovery. By	Hayao Miyazaki	105 min	4-12+
		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.			
Grave of the Fireflies (DVD) (2	1998	In the aftermath of a World War II bombing, two orphaned	Isao Takahata	88 min	9-16+
copies)		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.			

Millennium Actress (DVD)	2003	From Amazon.com: The second film by director Satoshi Kon and screenwriter Sadayuki Murai recalls Perfect Blue, but Millennium Actress 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 Chioyoko Fujiwara grants an interview to journalist Genya Tachibana. As their conversation begins, Kan intercuts scenes from Chioyoko's films with her memories of pursuing the mysterious artist she met as a young girl. Accompanied by his blasé cameraman, Tashibana finds himself within Chioyoko'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: Chioyoko's memories are rendered in shades of gray, with hints of muted color highlighting the overall composition.		187 min	10-16+
My Neighbor Totoro (DVD)	1993	A wonderful fantasy film for all ages. Focuses on two sisters' encounters with forest-inhabiting creatures.	Ronald C. Meyer	87 min	K-12+
My Neighbors, the Yamadas (DVD)	2005	A sitcom-like feature film starring the ordinary, but dramatic, Yamadas.	Isao Takahata	107 min	5-16+
Pom Poko (DVD)	2005	A tribe of tanuki, Japanese racoon-dogs, fight to save their habitat from being destroyed for a human housing development. Note: male tanuki have prominent testicles, which swell to be used in battle.	Isao Takahata	119 min	5-16+
Princess Mononoke (DVD) 2 copies	1997	Before it ever arrived in the U.S., this epic, animated 1997 fantasy had already made history as the top-grossing domestic feature ever released in Japan, where its combination of mythic themes, mystical forces, and ravishing visuals tapped deeply into cultural identity and contemporary, ecological anxieties. For international animation and anime fans, Princess Mononoke represents an auspicious next step for its revered creator, Hayao Miyazaki (My Neighbor Totoro, Kiki's Delivery Service), an acknowledged anime pioneer, whose painterly style, vivid character design, and stylized approach to storytelling take ambitious, evolutionary steps here. (Amazon.com)	Hayao Miyazaki	134 min	5-16+

I Can Hear the Sea / Ocean Waves (Umi ga Kikoeru). (DVI Please note: our copy is a "Region 2" DVD. It will not pla on standard American players but it will work on a computer that has been set to play "Region 2" DVDs.	,	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.		134 min	9-12+
Secret World of Arriety (DVD)	2011	In a secret world hidden beneath the floorboards, little people called Borrowers live quietly among us. But when tenacious and tiny Arrietty is discovered by Shawn, a human boy, their secret and forbidden friendship blossoms into an extraordinary adventure. It's not giving away too much to say that Arrietty and Shawn brush against each other's livesand neither's is the same afterward. For any fans of Miyazaki's other films, and anyone of any age seeking immersive family-friendly entertainment that's life-affirming, The Secret World of Arrietty is a winning experience.	Hiromasa Yonebayashi	94 min	2-16+
Spirited Away (DVD)3 Copies	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+

Summer Wars (DVD, two disc	2009	From the visionary directory of The Girl Who Leapt Through	Mamoru Hosoda	115 min	
set with extras)		Time (2007 Japanese Academy Award winner, Best Animated Feature) comes the story of an ordinary family going to extraordinary lengths to avert the impending cyber apocalypse! Kenji is your typical teenage misfit. He's good at math, bad with girls, and spends most of his time hanging out in the all-powerful, online community known as OZ. His second life is the only life he has until the girl of his dreams, Natsuki, hijacks him for a starring role as a fake fiance at her family reunion. Things only get stranger from there. A late-night email containing a cryptic mathematic riddle leads to the unleashing of a rogue Al intent on using the virtual word of OZ to destroy the real world, literarily. As Armageddon looms on the horizon, Kenji and his new family set aside their differences and band together to save the worlds they inhabit in this near-perfect blend of social satire and science fiction.			
Tokyo Godfathers	2004	The story of three homeless peoplea drag queen, an alcoholic, and a run awayas they try to find a home for a baby abandoned on Christmas Eve.	Satoshi Kon	92 min	9-16-
Whisper of the Heart (DVD) (2 copies)	2006	During summer vacation, a schoolgirl named Shizuku, who longs to discover her true talents, observes an ordinary-looking cat riding by himself on the train. Intrigued, she decides to follow him. This chance encounter leads her to the mysterious Seiji, a boy who is determined to follow his dreams, and The Baron, a magical cat figurine who helps her listen to the whispers in her heart. Soon, Shizuku's exciting adventures carry her far beyond the boundaries of her imagination.	Hayao Miyazaki	111 min	

Wolf Children (DVD)	2012	5	Mamoru Hosoda	117 min	9-16+
		and pretty, and her future held endless possibilities. Then she			
		met a man, who turned out to be a wolf, and together they built a			
		family.Hana loved her mate fiercely, but fate took him from her,			
		leaving her alone with two unusual kids she didn't know how to			
		raise. Frightened of being discovered, Hana and her wolf			
		children fled to the countryside to build a new life. Raising her			
		little wild things was an adventure. It left Hana bruised,			
		scratched, exhausted, and joyously overwhelmed as her pups			
		grew stronger and wandered further every day. This is a			
		mother's journey. Teach your children to chase their dreams –			
		and smile through the tears as they disappear into the world in			
		search of who they will become. Hana wasn't always a mother,			
		but it was always what she was meant to be Back Cover of			

Japan - Documentary Films								
Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level			
Anpo: Art x War: The Art of Resistance (DVD)	2010	This documentary reveals the utold story of resistance to U.S. military bases in Japan trhough a collage of paintings, photographs, and films by Japan's most respected artists. Their stories and their art depict the struggle against U.S. military prsence, which provoked a national uprising in 1960 and still festers today.	Linda Hoaglund	89 min	11-16-			
As Iwate Goes… Is politics local? (VHS)	1989	This film documents a local Japanese Election	Jackson Bailey	28 min	13-16			
Asia Video Řeport: Japan - Arts & Crafts (VHS)	1997	Arts & Crafts focuses on juzen (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 - Housing: Customs in Transition (VHS)	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	30 min	K-8
Asia Video Report: Japan - Festivals & Holidays (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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 form 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	This DVD introduces Buraku, a form of puppet theater that combines samisen music, puppetry and joruri (narrative chanting).	Films for the Humanities and Sciences	53 min	
Campaign (DVD) (1 circulating & 1 non-circulating copy)	2007	Can a candidte with no political experience and no charisma win an election? Perhaps - if he is back backed the political giant, Prime Minister Koizumi and his Liberal Democratic Party.	Kazuhiro Soda	52 min	
Can't Go Native? (DVD) (2 Copies)	2010	In 1961 student Keith Brown went to Mizusawa, northeastern Japan, to gather material for a dissertation on Japanese kinship. Professor Emeritus Keith Brown still visits Mizusawa to collect data but also to be with friends known for decades. A warm, often humorous, story about Japanese and Americans growing older together for decades. SEE ALSO the related titles in this series: "More About Misuzawa" and "Conversations in Mizusawa"	Media Production Group. Keith Brown & David W. Plath	56 min	12-16+

Conversations in Mizusawa (DVD)	2011	Learning spoken Japanese? Try your listening skills on a real- life challenge. Here are six unscripted, spontaneous conversations in everyday settings, recorded during the filming of MPG's acclaimed documentary Can't Go Native? Listening skill starts once you can understand spoken words. Mastery begins when you can supply the words you were not able to hear clearly in the clatter of normal background noise. Each conversation is given first in Japanese only, then repeated with English subtitles. SEE ALSO related Titles "Can't Go Native?" and "More About Mizusawa"	Media Production Group. Keith Brown & Ishizawa Makiko & David W. Plath	58	12-16+
Daimyo (DVD)	1988	A teachers guide, with transcripts, is available for free downloading from the project website www.cantgonative.com. From the website you may order DVD copies of the Can't Go Native? program, with a bonus chapter on how the musical score was created. A second DVD, More About Mizusawa offers five additional chapters that expand the panorama of Mizusawa life by taking up topics including local history, everyday Buddhism, and the samurai heritage.	Giant Step Productions in assoc. w. National Gallery of Art	30 min	9-16+
Diamonds in the rough: The legacy of Japanese-American Baseball (DVD)	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
The Essence of Being Japanese, (2 DVD 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+

Families of Japan (with the booklet) (VHS)	1997	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 (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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 (VHS)	1997	Explores the history of Samurai warriors.	A&E TV Networks	50 min	9-16+
Japan: Four Programs (VHS)	late '80's	Includes Budo, My Day, Tokyo Sunday, and Sumo		80 min	K-8
Japan Information Center	1993	This video is divided into seven parts: Sumo, Akido, Judo,			7-12
Presentation of Martial Arts (VHS)		Kimono, Kendo, Tokyo Subway, and Karatedo.			
Japan's Killer Quake (DVD)	2011	In its worst crisis since World War II, Japan faces disaster on an epic scale: a death toll likely in the tens of thousands, massive destruction of homes and businesses, shortages of water and power, and the specter of nuclear meltdown. With exclusive footage, NOVA captures the unfolding human drama and offers a clear-headed investigation of what triggered the earthquake, tsunami, and subsequent nuclear crisis. Can science and technology ever prevent devastation in the face of overwhelmingly powerful forces of nature?	PBS NOVA. WGBH Educational Foundation	60 min	7-16+
 Japan Past and Present: Buddha in the Land of the Kami (7th-12th Centuries) (VHS)	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:	1990	This video introduces Japanese customs and manners which	Shin-ei Arms Inc.	30 min	9-12
Customs and Manners - The		help smooth relations among people.			
Fabric of Japanese Society (2					
VHS copies)					
Japanese Devils: Confessions	2001	Interviews with 14 extraordinary veterans of Japan's war against	The Riben Guizi	58 Min &	
of Imperial Army Soldiers From		China in the 1930s and '40s. These men tell the truth of	Production	DVD: 160	
Japan's War Against China.		atrocities they committed as young solders and of the	Committee	min	
Riben Guizi. (DVD) (NON		excruciating memories that they've had to live so vividly for the			
CIRCULATING)		rest of their lives			
Japanese History and	1996	Focuses on the Japanese genius for cultural borrowing and	Annenberg / CPB	45 min	13-16
Literature: 1. Classical Japan		literary contributions of women during the height of Japanese	Collection Columbia		
and the Tale of Genji (552-1185)			University		
(VHS)		materials, includes instructor's overview, video outline, script			
		and photocopy materials for viewers.			
Japanese History and	1996	Similarities and differences between medieval Japan and	Annenberg / CPB	45 min	13-16
Literature: 2. Medieval Japan		Europe: political structure, bonds between warriors, and the	Collection Columbia		
and Buddhism in Literature		importance or religion. Accompanying guide, shelved with the	University		
(1185-1600) (VHS)		curriculum materials, includes instructor's overview, video			
		outline, script and photocopy materials for viewers.			
Japanese History and	1996	Highlights the 250 years of peace in the Tokugawa Japan	Annenberg / CPB	70 min	13-16
Literature: 3. Tokugawa Japan		period which brought economic development, the growth of	Collection Columbia		
and Puppet Theater - Novels		cities, the birth of new literature and poetry. Accompanying	University		
and the Haiku of Basho (1600-		guide, shelved with the curriculum materials, includes			
1868) (VHS)		instructor's overview, video outline, script and photocopy			
		materials for viewers.			
 The Japanese Version (VHS)	1991	This film represents a personal journey through certain aspects	Louis Alverez and	57 min	9-16+
		of Japanese society: love hotels, weddings, commercials, etc.	Andrew Kolker		
Japanese Relocation (VHS)	1990's	A VHS copy of a 1943 newsreel that presents the US	Zenger Media		
		government's rationale for the internment of the Japanese.			

Kokoyakyu: High School Baseball (DVD) (2 copies)	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
Kabuki (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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+
Living Treasures of Japan (DVD)	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 classroom uses - all ages.	National Geographic Society	59 min	K-16+
Makiko's New World (VHS)	2000	Based on the book of the same name, this film matches	Media Production Group	60 min	13-16+
Mashiko Village Pottery (VHS)	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) 2 (DVD)	2005	Japan's dramatic leap from the Middle Ages into modernity. The		52 minutes, color	9-16+
More About Mizusawa (DVD) 2	2011	Were most samurai petty bureaucrats, not warriors? Did the remote "Tibet of Japan" (Northeastern Honshu) play a major role in Japan's history? Does living in Japan mean learning to go naked? Five chapters address these and other questions raised by MPG's acclaimed documentary film "Can't Go Native?". See also the related title "Conversations in Mizusawa"	Asian Educational Media Service. Chet Kincaid & David W. Plath	90	12-16+
Music of Bunraku (See "Bunraku")		It allows the viewer to experience the exotic drama of Bunraku, the puppet theater of Japan, and to understand its music.			
Nankin: La Memoire et L'Oubli/ 2 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+
No-To: Memory Fades (VHS) 2	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 1 in Democracy (VHS)	1996	Post-World War II Japanwho 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 Origami Revolution	2017	The centuries-old tradition of folding two-dimensional paper into three-dimensional shapes is inspiring a scientific revolution. The rules of folding are at the heart of many natural phenomena, from how leaves blossom to how beetles fly. But now, engineers and designers are applying its principles to reshape the world around us—and even within us, designing new drugs, micro- robots, and future space missions. With this burgeoning field of origami-inspired-design, the question is: can the mathematics of origami be boiled down to one elegant algorithm—a fail-proof guidebook to make any object out of a flat surface, just by folding? And if so, what would that mean for the future of design? Explore the high-tech future of this age-old art as NOVA unfolds "The Origami Revolution." (NOVA)		60 min	8-16+
The Pacific Century: Big Business and Ghost of Confucius (DVD)	1992	5	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: Meiji - Asia's Response to the West (DVD)	1992		Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: Meiji - Reinventing Japan (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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+
	ing from Pictures: A ese 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+
(China, ****She and Asi	ool in Three Cultures Japan & U.S.) (DVD) Ived with General Asia ian American Films and entaries.	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. A new version of this film was shot in 2009 (see next catalog entry)	Fourth Wave Productions Tobin, Wu, & Davidson	58 min	9-16+
Revisite United circulat copy) * Asia an	ool in Three Cultures ed: Japan, China, and the States (DVD) (1 ting & 1 non-circulating ***Shelved with General Ind Asian American Films cumentaries.	2009	The DVD companion to the book Preschool in Three Cultures Revisited: China, Japan, and the United States. It shows typical days in preschools in China, Japan, and the US, with narration tracks that present explanations and reflections of early childhood educators from each country. There is also a short introduction, which explains the project's goals and methods. This DVD (and the book) are an updated version of the 1989 book and video. Shelved with General Asia and Asian American	Joseph Tobin	112 min	9-16+
Secrets (DVD)	s of the Samurai Sword	2008	Secrets of the Samurai Sword documents the history of the Katana, the long curved sword that was the weapon of choice for Japanese soldiers for five hundred years. The program details their creation, as well as much of the lore that has built up around the weapon over the centuries	PBS Nova. WGBH Educational Foundation	56 min	

Secrets of Samurai (VHS)	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 min, color	7-16+
Shinto Festival Music (VHS)	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 and DVD)	1977	A gorgeous film dealing with both the historic roots of Shinto as well as present day practice.	Japan Society	50 min	9-16+
	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 min, color	9-16+
The Story of Sumo: A Documentary (DVD)	2000	The story of Sumo introdues 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	Films for Humanities and Sciences	60 min, 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+

 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. 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. This program looks at the country of Japan. Provides an introduction to its geography, culture, and history. 	Asian Educational Media Services EVN	1 hour 35 min	11-16
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HBO special WHITE LIGHT, BLACK RAIN: THE DESTRUCTION OF HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI speaks to a series of people who survived these terrible historic tragedies. The film is full of deeply moving revelations, and the other side of the conflict is also revealed through the thoughts of Americans who played a part in the bombings.	НВО	85 min	
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 mateirals	New Day Films	89 min	10-16
Rare footage of the great teacher who helped introduce Zen to the west	Hartley	60 min	9-16+
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Attitude	2008	Attitude takes viewers through Taiwan Beer's myriad ups and downs on and off the court during their storybook 2007 season. The film profiles their championship run through locker-room and gametime footage, candid interviews, and close coverage of the players. The documentary also takes a look at the fans and the role of basketball in Taiwan's popular and youth culture.	Lin, Mardy, and Leo Liao	86 min	
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 questionnable but it is still a valid treatment of the impact of China's cultural revolution.	Dai Sijie	111 min	11-16+
Beijing Bicycle (DVD)	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+
Big Bird in China (VHS)	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
Blind Shaft (DVD)	2003	Blind Shaft is a 2003 film about a pair of brutal con artists operating in the illegal coal mines of present-day northern China. The film was written and directed by Li Yang, and is based on Chinese writer Liu Qingbang's short novel Shen Mu	Li Yiang. King Video	89 min	12-16+
The Blue Kite (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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 (DVD)		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 (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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+
Eat, Drink, Man, Woman (DVD)	2002	The story of a chef, his three daughters, and the meals that unite them as they go through life.	Ang Lee	124 min	7-12+
Electric Shadows (DVD)	2004	When a troubled young woman strikes a bicycle delivery boy named Mao with a brick, this violent chance encounter sets in motion Mao's discovery of a long-lost childhood friend and their lost innocence. Mao discovers the young woman's diary, which describes how all the crucial moments of her life have been bound up in movies: She was born at a movie screening, became best friends with a boy at another, and experiences a terrible trauma at anotherall of which has led her to a strange secret life that Mao realizes he can set rightBret Fetzer	Xiao Jiang	95 min	
The Emperor and the Assassin (VHS)	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 (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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+
Farewell My Concubine (DVD)	1999	Two men, actors and friends, find thmeselves embroiled in a love triangle. Rated R.	Chen Kaige	171 min	12-16+

Going to School with Dad on My 1 Back (DVD)	1999	When he can't afford to send both children to school, a widowed father chooses to send his son, who excels despite difficulty. Based on a true story.	Magic Play	90 min	5-16+
A Great Wall (DVD)	1985	Leo Fang, along with his American-born wife and son return to	Peter Wang W. Productions	103 min	9-12
Hero (DVD) 2	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 (VHS)	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+
Iron & Silk (VHS)	1993	Based on the experiences of an ESL teacher in China.	Lion's Gate	92 min	5-12+
Island Etude (DVD) Please note: 2 our copy is a "Region 2" DVD. It will not play on standard American players, but it will work on a computer that has been set to play "Region 2" DVDs.	2007	A beautifully photographed coming of age road movie, Island Etude is the story of a handsome young, hearing-impaired man, who before graduating from college, decides to carry his guitar on his back and ride a bike along the Taiwanese coastline, embarking on a seven-day round-island trip. Cheerfully confronting challenges and risks of the unknown, he rides day and night, through hot tropical sun and driving rainstorms, experiencing the diverse cultures that exist in different parts of Taiwan. Along the way he makes new friends, falls in love, and pays a surprise visit to his grandparent's village, where he rediscovers his roots as he joins a ritualistic procession for the Goddess Matsu. Mixing documentary/reality style with dramatic humanistic moments and memories, this classic road movie celebrates life, love and the coming of age, with humor, sadness, warm emotions, and hope. (Amazon.com)	Chen, Huai-en	108 min	
The Joy Luck Club (VHS)	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 K	ing of Masks (DVD)	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+
Kundi	un (VHS)	1997		Martin Scorsese	135 min	9-16+
The L	ast Emperor (VHS)	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+
Last T	Frain Home (DVD)	2009	Every spring, China's cities are plunged into chaos as an astonishing 130 million migrant workers journey to their home villages for the New Year's holiday. This mass exodus is the largest human migration on the planet - an epic spectacle that reveals a country tragically caught between its rural past and industrial future. Working over several years in classic verité style Chinese-Canadian filmmaker Lixin Fan (with the producers of the hit documentary Up the Yangtze) travels with one couple who have embarked on this annual trek for almost two decades. Like so many of China s rural poor, Zhang Changhua and Chen Suqin left behind their two infant children for grueling factory jobs. Their daughter Qin - now a restless teenager - both bitterly resents their absence and longs for her own freedom away from school, much to the utter devastation of her parents. Emotionally powerful and starkly beautiful, the multi-award- winning Last Train Home's intimate observation of one fractured family sheds unprecedented light on the human cost of China's economic 'miracle'.	Lixin Fan; Zeitgeist Films	87 min	

Little Buddha (VHS)	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.	Miramax	123 min	9-14
To Live (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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 protrayal 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 (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 (VHS)	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 Shangh (DVD)	ai 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 (VHS)	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 (DVD)	1991	In 1920's China, Songlia (Gong Li) is to be wife number four at the Chen Zuoquian estate. At first, there is harmony among the wives, but soon many conflicts emerge.	Zhang Yimou	125 min	11-16+
The Road Home (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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+
Shanghai Knights (DVD)	2003	Chon Wang and Roy O'Bannon travel to England to find out who killed Chon's father. The killer steals the Chinese Imperial Seal that Chon's father was protecting. While they are in England, they stumble upon a conspiracy to murder the entire British royal family. Only with the help of Chon's beautiful, but deadly sister, can the trio stop the assassination and return the Imperial Seal to its rightful owners.	Touchstone Pictures	114 min	7-12+
Shower (DVD)	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 (DVD)	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 (VHS)	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 headto 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 reachuntil 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	
Tuya's Marriage	2008	Tuya, hardworking and hardheaded, is a Mongolian desert herder who refuses to be settled in a town in accordance with the new industrialization policy. She is kept busy with two kids, a disabled husband and one hundred sheep to care for, but one day she hurts her back. The only way for the family to survive is for her to divorce her husband on paper and look for a new spouse who can take care of the whole family. A series of suitors lines up, but it s not easy to find a man who fits the bill.	Wang Quan'an	86 mim	
Warriors of the Rainbow: Seediq Bale (DVD)	2011	In 1930 Taiwan, Mouna Rudo, a Seediq tribal leader, forms a coalition with the island's other tribes to rise up against their Japanese colonial masters.	Wei Te-Sheng	150 min	14-16+
Yellow Earth (VHS)	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 (DVD)	1999	This film follows the lives of NJ Jian, his wife, Min-Min, and their	Edward Yang	173 min	9-16+
		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.			

Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Leve
1421: The Year China Discovered America (DVD)	2004	Based on Gavin Menzies's very controversial book	Larry Belling	120 min	9-16
Ai Weiwei Never Sorry (DVD)	2011	One of the most famous and successful artists in the world, Ai Weiwei has earned international acclaim as much for his provocative art work as for his political activism. "Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry" is the first feature-length portrait of the Chinese artist, filmmaker, and social media maven. Director Alison Klayman is given unprecedented access to Ai from the close of the 2008 Beijing Olympics (for which he helped designed the acclaimed "Bird's Nest" stadium) to the arrest and 81-day detention in 2011. Presenting a unique look inside modern China, "Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry" captures Ai's artistic process in preparation for major museum shows, his intimate exchanges with family members, and his increasingly public confrontations with authorities. It reveals his irreverence, his humor, and his deeply moral convictions. Art and activism, for Ai Weiwei, come from the same place.(Back Cover of DVD) NOTE: Rated R.	Alison Klayman	91 min	16+
All Under Heaven (VHS)	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 min	12-1

Ancient Chinese Inventions,	2002	Part of a 4-part program that recounts the dramatic story of the	Landmark Media	26 min	7-12
Part 1: Weaponry, Agriculture & Games (DVD)		rise and fall of an empire, an empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Inc		
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, an empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26 min	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, an empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26 min	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, an empire that at its prime spawned incredible inventions that sparked the dawn of our modern world.	Landmark Media Inc	26 min	7-12
Architecture 2000: Hong Kong - Asia's New Skyline (VHS)	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 feng shui, 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+

Assignment: China, "Civil War Opening Up" (DVD)	2010	Assignment China features interviews with journalists who were based in China and Hong Kong in 1979-1983. It also includes interviews with scholars who have studied the work of these journalists and government officials who had to be mindful of how such reporting influenced public opinion and thereby affected their ability to make and implement policies. The documentary includes clips from contemporary coverage and the documentary website will include examples of the reporting discussed as well as additional photos and video.	USC US-China Institute	35 min	10-16+
Assignment: China "The Week that Changed the World" (DVD)	2012	Assignment: China is a multi-part documentary telling the story of the journalists who covered China for American News Organizations from the 1940s to the present day. Covering Nixon's 1972 visit to China, this documentary looks at the media, the meeting, and how perceptions of both countries were changed during that visit.	Chinoy, Mike	59 min	9-16+
Away from Ping Wei (DVD)	2011	Part of the series "Children of China" (along with "New Year in Ping Wei", "One Day in Ping Wei", and "Land of the Dragon"). Every year millions of Chinese teenagers leave their villages and head to China's booming cities looking for factory jobs. Known as migrant workers, they are trutly the fuel of the Middle Kingdom's soaring economy. This documentary follows the journey of Liu Yen Twin, a typical teenager trying to establish hereslf in a fast changing China.	Pearl River Productions	30 min	
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	
Birds Without Borders: Black- Faced Spoonbills (DVD)	2010	5 55 ,	Taiwan Government Information Office	60 min	9-16+
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
Children of Hangzhou (DVD)	2009	Join four teens from Hangzhou, China and gain insight into Chinese life and culture. Through these four video diaries, viewers will experience a school day, visit the countryside, see the training of an opera student, and share in a birthday celebration. Related activities will help viewers connect with China by trying out the favorite games and activities of their Chinese peers.	Boston Children's Museum	?	

1989	This documentary provides a comprehensive chronicle of years	Sue Williams	120 min	13-16+
	of revolution and transformation in China. The series provides a			
	curriculum guide for all programs.			
1996	The years of Mao's influence are chronicled in two 60-minute	Sue Williams	120 min	13-16+
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	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.			
2005	A disturbing but valuable investigation of factory conditions in	Micha Peled	86 min	9-16+
	China.			
1996	This video examines China's economy in transition as the days	Films for	28 min	11-16+
	of state-protected jobs near their end and individual initiative	Humanities and		
	becomes more important. The program looks briefly at such	Sciences		
	phenomena as inflation, consumerism, open labor market, the			
	stock market, and foreign investment.			
1996	Deborah Wang, former Beijing correspondent for ABC News,	Wall Street Journal	50 min	11-16-
	examines China's transformation from poverty to prosperity.	Video		
2004	This program documents farmers' hardships - droughts and	Films for	58 min,	9-16+
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China From the Inside (2 DVD 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	240 min	9-16+
China: History and Mystery (VHS)	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 Rises (2 DVD copies)	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.	Discovery Channel	208 min	9-16+
China's Cosmopolitan Age: The Tang (VHS)	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" (DVD)	200?	See the individual titles listed in this catalog for more information.	HUWA Publishing House		
Chinese Instruments and Music (VHS)	1992	Wonderful introduction to Chinese music	Audio-forum		
	1994	Instructional video for children on learing to chinese jump rope. **Please note that this video is shelved with the book "Chinese Jump Rope" in the China Curriculum materials	Mel Aimee Productions	28 min	K-6
Chinese New Year (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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
Chronicle of My Cultural Revolution (DVD)	2007	"My weapon of resistance is my memory," writes Xu Xing, Chinese filmmaker and writer. In this documentary, he looks at his own family's experience of the Cultural Revolution in order to introduce the viewer to "the things that China would rather forget."	Xu Xing	80 min	9-16+
Confucianism & Taoism (VHS)	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 (DVD)	1997	Focuses on Confucius (551-479 B.C.E.), the era in which he lived and taught, and the importance of his teachings about	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	46 min	13-16+
		human relationships, filial piety, the cultivation of the moral person, and the Mandate of Heaven. An accompanying curriculum booklet "Guide to the Confucian Tradition" is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.			
The Confucian Tradition in Literature - Chinese Poetry: Origins of Literary Tradition (VHS)	1997	Lyric poetry, from its foundation in the Book of Songs to the late poets Wang Can and Tao Qian. An accompanying curriculum booklet "Guide 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 (VHS)	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 "Guide to the Confucian Tradition" is shelved with the China Curriculum materials.	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	43 min	13-16+
Cooking with Kids: Exploring Chinese Food, Culture, and Language (DVD)	2006	Teaches some Mandarin Chinese in the context of leading children through three easy Chinese recipies.	Ni Hao Productions	30 min	3-5
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 (VHS)	c. 1980	Exploration of the famous Sung dynasty scroll during the Quingming festival.		45 min	9-16+
A Decent Factory (DVD) (1 circulating & 1 non-circulating copy)	2005	In an increasingly globalized economy, more corporations are 'outsourcing' their production to countries with cheaper labor costs and less legal protection of workers' rights. Some corporate managers, whether out of sincere moral concern or because they must respond to the considerations of investors and shareholders, are attempting to balance profit-making with social morality. A Decent Factory focuses on such an effort by Nokia, the Finnish electronics firm, which sends a team led by two business ethics advisors to examine conditions at a Chinese factory that supplies parts to Nokia.	Thomas Balmès	79 min	12-16+

Discovering China (VHS)	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+
Eating the Scorpion (VHS)		Depicts the experience of American NCTA teachers visiting China	Richet Productions		9-16+
Families of China (VHS)	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 (VHS)	1999	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 (VHS)	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 VHS 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	87 min & 55 min	11-16+
Ghost Town (Fei Cheng) (DVD) (1 circulating & 1 non- circulating copy)	2008	This epic documentary takes an intimate look at people left behind by China's new economy.	Zhao Dayong	169 min.	
Generations: A Chinese Family (VHS)	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 Chinese Archaeological Discovery: Looking for Trails of Kings' Tombs of Western Han Dynasty (DVD)	2002	0	Hainan Electronics Audiovisual Publishing Company		
Great Wall Across the Yangtze (VHS)	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+
Guangzhou Dream Factory: Immigration, Globalization, Chinese Factories and African Dreams	2016	Guangzhou, a.k.a. Canton, is southern China's centuries-old trading port. Today the booming metropolis of 14 million is a mecca of mass consumption, its vast international trading centers crammed with every "Made in China" good imaginable. Every year more than half a million Africans travel to Guangzhou where they buy goods to sell back in Africa. Over time, some have chosen to stay, and for these Africans China looks like the new land of opportunity, a place where anything is possible. But is it? Featuring a dynamic cast of men and women from Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda, GUANGZHOU DREAM FACTORY weaves the stories of Africans chasing alluring, yet elusive, "Made in China" dreams into a compelling critique of 21st century global capitalism. Following a filmmaker's journey from Ghana to China and back to Africa, GUANGZHOU DREAM FACTORY provides a rare glimpse of African aspirations in an age of endless outsourcing.	Christiane Badgley	65 min	12-16+
Healing and the Mind: Volume 1 · 1 The Mystery of Chi (VHS)	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 (VHS)	early 80's	Filmed in Maoping, Southern China. Rural village life before reforms. Interview at end reflects on changes of the 1990's.		30 min	7-12
	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 2 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? 2 (DVD)	2004	How Wal-Mart became the world's largest retailer, and what it cost.	Frontline, WGBH Educational Foundation	60 min	8-16
Jonathan Watts: When a Billion Chinese Jump/Elizabeth Economy: China's Environment Goes Global (DVD)	2010	When a Billion Chinese Jump is a journey through an environment in crisis. Jonathan Watts travels from mountain paradises to industrial wastelands, via tiger farms, melting glaciers, cancer villages, science parks, coal mines and eco- cities to examine the responses of those at the top of society and the hopes of those below. Watts is consistently attentive to human detail, vividly portraying individual lives in a country all too often viewed from outside as a faceless state. / Presentation by the Council on Foreign Relations scholar looks at the range of environmental challenges in China, governmental and non- governmental responses, and the potential for multilateral cooperation to address problems.	USC US-China Institute	30 min	10-16+
Land of the Dragon: A 2 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	
	2005	It captures the poignant story of an elderly man caught between his country's past and future in Shanghai.	Chao Gan and Zi Liang	54 min	
	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 1 under heaven (VHS)	1980	Two parts of the famous trilogy examining Long Bow village.	Long Bow Group	120 min	7-16+

The Long Search: Taoism - Question of Balance - China (VHS)		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+
Mardi Gras: Made in China & R rated Version) (DVD)	(PG 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. This version of the film has both the "R" rated version as well as the "PG" rated version of it.	David Redmon	55 min	8-16+
Mardi Gras: Made in China (Rated Version) (DVD)	(R- 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. This version of film is much more revealing of dress and behavior among the New Orleans celebrants.	David Redmon	55 min	12-16+
Martial Arts: The Chinese Masters (VHS)	1985		Pacific Arts Video Records	53 min	9-16
Morning Sun (VHS)	2003	Revolution comes alive in an extraordinary new documentary	National Asian American Telecommunication s Association		12-16+
Mount Taishan (DVD)			HUWA Publishing House	30 min	9-16+
The Mountain Resort and E Outer Temples (DVD)	ight	Film is good for understanding the control problems for the Qing	HUWA Publishing House	30 min	9-16+

Mysterious Mummies of China (VHS)	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+
Nautral Formosa (DVD)	2009	According to legend, King Solomon had a ring which enabled him to converse with animals. it is believed that a similar type of magical ring can be found on the island of Taiwan. Natural Formosa is a film that seeks out and documents those who wear such magical rings. Natural Formosa contains heart- warming stories of these people's close relationships with the natural environment, all the while capturing the beauty of the mountains and rivers in Taiwan.	Taiwan Government Information Office	60	9-16+
The New Leap Forward: The Chinese Communist Party in the 21st Century (DVD)	2001	Thanks to reforms by Jiang Zemin and others, Chinese communism has adopted some remarkably capitalistic ideologies.	Films for Humanities and Sciences	52 min, color	9-16+
	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	
	2017	For over 1000 years, chariots thundered across China's battlefields - dominating warfare longer than anywhere else on earth. Now, a series of amazing archaeological findings enable a team of experts to reconstruct and test China's first super-weapon.	PBS	60 min	9-16+

Petition	2009	Film investigates the inside world of China's "petitioners", people who come to Beijing from all over Chiina to seek justice against corrupt government officials and courts back home, only to find themselves waiting for months and sometimes years for a hearing. Director Zhao Liang follows the saga of a group of petitioners, which includes a mother and daughter who have been waiting for their hearing for 10 years, for over a decade and concludes the documentary at the start of the 2008 Olympic Games.	Cinema Guild	124 min	9-16+
One Day in Ping Wei: A Documentary of China. A Children of China Film (DVD)	2004		Pearl River Productions	30 min	
	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 (VHS)	1993	Wonderful treatment of porcelain production, step by step.	Arthur Sackler Gallery	12 min	7-16

Preschool in Three Cultures (China, Japan & U.S.) (DVD) ****Shelved with General Asia and Asian American Films and Documentaries.		preschool in three countries. The materials compare the	Fourth Wave Productions Tobin, Wu, & Davidson	58 min	9-16+
Preschool in Three Cultures Revisited: Japan, China, and the United States (DVD) (1 circulating & 1 non-circulating copy) ****Shelved with General Asia and Asian American Films and Documentaries.		The DVD companion to the book Preschool in Three Cultures Revisited: China, Japan, and the United States. It shows typical days in preschools in China, Japan, and the US, with narration tracks that present explanations and reflections of early childhood educators from each country. There is also a short introduction, which explains the project's goals and methods. This DVD (and the book) are an updated version of the 1989 book and video. Shelved with General Asia and Asian American	Joseph Tobin	112 min	9-16+
Rape of Nanking (DVD)		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 (VHS)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Films for Humanities Inc.	57 min, color	9-16+
Return from Silence: China's Revolutionary Writers (VHS)	1994	Five Chinese writers who have witnessed and participated in the	Annenberg/CPB Columbia University	60 min	11-16+
Save the Panda (VHS) 2	2002	The film is an investigation of life and survival conditions of Pandas in China	National Geographic Society	60 min	9-16+

Secrets of Lost Empire II: China 2 Bridge (VHS)	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+
Secrets of the Forbidden City (DVD)	2017		WGBH Educational Foundation	60 min	9-16+
The Silk Road: An Ancient World Adventure: Glories of Ancient Chang-An (DVD)	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 (DVD)	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) (VHS)	1984		Carma Hinton and Richard Gordon	37 min	9-12

Song of the Forest (DVD)	2010	This work documents the rise and fall of Taiwan's great forests, as well as how forests are inextricably entwined with the fate of mankind. Discover within the beauty of Taiwan's forest ecosystem the wisdom of Taiwan's indigenous peoples, the causes and effects of change in Taiwan's highland forests, and how conservationists are working to make a difference.	Taiwan Government Information Office	60	9-16+
The Sprouts of Capitalism in China (VHS)	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+
Squid Daddy's Delivery Room (DVD)	2007	This documentary films tells a moving story of people in intimate	Government Information Office	60 min	9-16+
The Story of China, With Michael Wood	2016	As he conveyed THE STORY OF INDIA, Michael Wood provides a historical and cultural context for another of the two civilizations that is going to be predominant in the 21st century, and therefore has real meaning and importance.	PBS	360 min.	9-16+
Suzhou Gardens (DVD)			HUWA Publishing House	30 min	11-16-

The Thaw/The South China Sea:	2010	The Thaw is a documentary from the USC U.SChina Institute	USC US-China	30 min.	10-16-
The Thaw/The South China Sea: Troubled Waters	2010	that explores economic issues between Taiwan and China and includes interviews with political advisors to Taiwan's two major parties, scholars from China, Taiwan, and the United States, and business people who are on the forefront of the combining Taiwan capital and know-how with Chinese labor to succeed in the global marketplace. USC US-China Institute / Bordered by ten nations and including some of the world's most important shipping lanes and fisheries, the South China Sea is a vital region. Critically important mineral resources, including oil, are thought to be there in large quantities as well. The Chinese have long laid claim to nearly the entire South China Sea. That claim is contested by many nations and in some instances the conflict has turned violent. Troubled Waters looks at the issues	Institute	30 min.	10-16
		surrounding the region.			
The Three Gorges Dam (VHS)	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+
Tracing the River to Its Source: Beauty Under Fire - The Xiuguluan River (DVD)	2010	The Xiuguluan River runs through the homeland of two of Taiwan's indigenous tribes - the Ami and Bunun. At the mid- and down-stream levels, the Ami's fish-catching culture derives from the river. At the up-stream level around the Laku Laku River, the Bununs lived for centuries. It was also the site of a bloody battle between the Bunun and the Japanese. Through the eyes of history, the film presents the old and new faces of Xiuguluan River.	Information Office	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

	2007	In China, it is simply known as "The River." But the Yangtze and all of the life that surrounds itis undergoing a truly astonishing transformation wrought by the largest hydroelectric project in history, the Three Gorges Dam. Canadian documentary filmmaker Yung Chang returns to the gorgeous, now-disappearing landscape of his grandfather's youth to trace the surreal life of a "farewell cruise" that traverses the gargantuan waterway.	Zeitgeist Video. A Yung Chang Film	93 min	
Villages of Xidi and Hongcun (DVD)		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 China (DVD) (2 Copies)	2008	A video journey through China, including a look at its beautiful geography as well as glimpses of the human element.	BBC Warner	300 min	5-12+
Wild Swans (VHS)	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: Confucianism (VHS)	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 min, color	11-16-
World in the Balance (DVD)	2004	Excellent treatment of population issuestruly 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 (VHS)	1980	Explores the relevance of Confucian thought to the world today	PBS	28 min	9-16+

The Year of the Yao (DVD)	2005	In this powerful and inspiring true story, Chinese basketball	Fine Line Features	88 min	7-16+
		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.			

	KOREA								
		Korea - Feature Films							
Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level				
Chunhyang (DVD)	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+				
The Fate of Kum Hui and Un Hui (DVD)	1974	This North Korean Propaganda film tells the story of twin sisters	Pak Hak and Om Gil Son	96 Min	13-16+				
The Flower Girl (DVD)	1972	In this North Korean Propaganda film, the country is occupied by the Japanese imperialists. Koppun is selling flowers at the market to get some money to buy medicine for her sick mother. Her brother is imprisoned, her father dead and her sister blind.	Choe Ik Gyu and Pak Hak	121 min	13-16+				
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	Jonathan Demme	129 min	12-16				

Order No. 027 (DVD) 1	1986	In this North Korean Propaganda film, a group of elite soldiers is sent across the border to South Korea to destroy a military base. The soldiers are well aware of the inherent suicide nature of their mission, but are happy to risk it all for the benefit of their Great Leader.	Jong Ki Mo	77 min	13-16+
Please Teach Me English (DVD) 2	2003	Young-Joo is selected by her co-workers to take an English class for her department. On her first day in class, things suddenly turn interesting when she meets Moon-Soo, a well dressed womanizer, who is infatuated with his Australian English teacher Catherine. Moon-Soo does not notice Young- Joo because of her ordinary appearance, but Young-Joo takes matters into her own hands to gain his attention. As Young-Joo and Moon-Soo become closer, Young-Soo soon discovers a picture in his wallet of another girl.	Kim Sung-soo	118 min	
Pulgasari (DVD) 1	1985	In this North Korean Film, an old blacksmith is imprisoned and starved to death for refusing to make weapons for an evil king seeking to halt a peasant rebellion in the country. His last creation is a tiny figurine of a monster- Pulgasari, a Godzilla-like creature that eats iron. The blood of his daughter brings the creature to life, and fights with the poor, starving peasants to overthrow the corrupt monarchy.	Shin Sang-ok and Chong Gon Jo	95 min	13-16+
Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter 2 and Spring (DVD)	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 2 War (DVD)	2004		Kang Je-Gyu	148 min	11-16+

Cloud Path, Journey of a	2006	When teaching about Buddhism, this film would prove very	Korea Foundation	53 min	9-16+
Wandering Monk (DVD)		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.			
Good For Her (DVD) (1	2004	Examines the factors creating the cosmetic surgery boom in	Elizabeth E. Lee	47 min	7-16+
circulating & 1 non-circulating		Seoul today through a montage of personal narration,			
сору)		contemporary news clips, film footage from the 1960s to the			
		present day, street advertisement copy, and interviews that			
		break down culturally-specific concepts of power within Korea's			
Hidden Korea (VHS)	2000	This film is an introduction to and a reminder of Korea's rich culture and ancient society. The film focuses on the special	Jan Thompson	60 min	9-16+
		foods unique to Korea.			
An Initiation Kut for a Korean Shaman (VHS)	1991	This famous film shows a woman trying to become a shaman.	Laurel Kendall and Diana Lee	37 min	13-16
Inside North Korea (DVD)	2006	This film will prove useful for many different teaching levels.	Lisa Ling, National	52 min	7-16+
		The investigator, Lisa Ling, served as part of an international	Geographic		
		medical team. She and her camera crew present many			
		intriguing perspectives not available in other film treatments.			
Inside the Hermit Kingdom:	2004	The film's narrator is a Korean American who returns to	Filmakers Library	52 min	11-16
North Korea (DVD)		discover what is really happening in North Korea. She weaves			
		documentary film footage throughout the scenes of her visit.			
Korea: Ancient Treasure,	1997	This film shows the effects of modernization on traditional	Humanities and	29 min	9-16+
Modern Wonder (VHS)		values, covers the roles of education and religion, relates	Sciences		
		Korean history and culture to that of China and Japan, and			
		discusses the leadership succession in North Korea.			
Korean Arts & Lifestyle 1: The	2005?	This DVD contains an overall introduction and includes material	Korea Foundation	40 min	6-12
Dynamic Culture of		on traditional values, shamanism, a great section on drumming,			
Contemporary Korea (DVD)		the film industry and popular culture. This is a good intro for the			
	1	teacher but only selected parts would interest students		1	

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 homebamboo 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?		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
	?		Korea Foundation	52 min	
The Korean War (VHS)	2002	This program documents the partitioning of Korea, the battles for Seoul, Inchon, 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	Films for Humanities Inc.	30 min	9-16
North Korea: A Day in the Life (DVD) (1 circulating & 1 non- circulating copy)	2006	In this rare look inside North Korea, director Pieter Fleury gained unprecedented access to a country generally cloaked in secrecy. Using "a day in the life" format, Fleury follows the daily routines of a typical North Korean family as they go to work, attend school, and participate in English classes. Though the country's inhabitants sincerely put their best face forward, the relentless images and ritualized practices of government propaganda offer a telling portrait of this controversial country Amazon.com product description	Pieter Fleury	48 min	
North Korea: Secret Nation (VHS)	2004	This undercover report documents the start poverty and extreme repression in North Korea that exist alongside	Films for Humanities and	19 min	K-12

Nuclear Nightmare: Understanding North Korea	2006	A documentary that provides a look at North Korea. Collaboration between the Discovery Channel and the New York	Discovery Channel, New York Times	50 min	9-16+
The Pacific Century: The Fight for Democracy (DVD)	1992	How economic growth has fostered Korea's democratic aspirations.	Pacific Basin Institute	60 min	9-16+
Silence Broken: Korean Comfort Women (DVD)	2000	A powerful and emotional documentary about Korean women forced into sexual servitude by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II. It combines the testimony of former comfort women who demand justice for the "crimes against	Center for Asian American Media	60 min	
South Korea: From Illiteracy to Affluence (VHS)	1998	This program examines the important role of education in Korea.	Humanities and Sciences	29 min	9-12
South Korea: Struggle for Democracy (VHS)	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 (VHS)	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 II 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
Panchatantra Tales & Bedtime	2006	Animated stories for children.	Golden Ball		K-5
Stories (DVD)			Educational VCD		
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Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level
Bhutan: In Pursuit of Gross	1997	Explores the country's natural resources and its cautious moves	Asian Development	10 min	11-16-
National Happiness (VHS)		toward a more modern society.	Bank		
The Buddha: The Story of	2010	This documentary for PBS by award-winning filmmaker David	David Grubin	120 min	
Siddhartha (DVD)		Grubin and narrated by Richard Gere, tells the story of the			
		Buddha's life, a journey especially relevant to our own			
		bewildering times of violent change and spiritual confusion. It			
		features the work of some of the world's greatest artists and			
		sculptors, who across two millennia, have depicted the			
		Buddha's life in art rich in beauty and complexity. Hear insights			
		into the ancient narrative by contemporary Buddhists, including			
		Pulitzer Prize winning poet W.S. Merwin and His Holiness the			
		Dalai Lama. Join the conversation and learn more about			
		meditation, the history of Buddhism, and how to incorporate the			
		Buddha's teachings on compassion and mindfulness into daily			
	0040	life.		07 .	44.40
CharThe No-Man's Island	2012	The film revolves around Rubel, a young boy who wants to	Sourav Sarangi	97 min	14-16
		attend school, but whose financial circumstances force him to			
		become a smuggler from India to Bangladesh. Every day, he			
		has to cross a river that forms the border between the two			
		countries. He stays at an island named Char, which is a no-			
		man's land, and is patrolled by the border security force of both countries.			
Families of India (VHS)	1995	Documentary from a child's point of view.	Arden Films	30 min	K-12
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Hinduism and Buddhism (VHS)	1996	This program explores the two great religions to come from India.	Public Affairs Television	58 min	9-16+
India: Emerging Powers (VHS)	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+
India: The Empire of the Spirit (VHS)	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 (VHS)	1998	Overview of traditional history.	EVN	60 min	11-16+
	1995	Made in Pittsburgh. Instruction concerning the celebration.	Saroj Bahn	10 min	K-8
	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 (VHS)	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 (VHS)		Informative treatment of the 3000 year old archeological remains of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro.		27 min	11-16+
- /	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. Accompanies the curriculum material of the same name.	Arthur M. Sackler Gallery	29 min	7-16+
Saheri's Choice (VHS)	1998	Examines arranged marriage in India. Focuses on one family. Superb photography portraying village life.	Humanities and Sciences	27 min	11-16+

Smile Pinki (DVD)	2008	2008 Academy Award Winner for Best Documentary Short.	Megan Mylan	39 min	7+
		Pinki is a five-year-old girl in India, born desperately poor and			1
		with a cleft lip. The simple surgery that can cure her is a distant			
		dream until she meets a social worker traveling village to village			
		gathering patients for a hospital that provides free surgery to			
		thousands each year. There are in India today some one million			
		people with cleft lips or palates, and 35,000 more are born each			
		year and most never receive treatment. Smile Pinki takes you			
		inside one of 160 centers in India operated by Smile Train, a 10-			
		year-old charity that has performed over 3,000 free surgeries in			
		India since 2004 with a near 100% success rate. (In Hindi and			
		Bhojpuri with English subtitles) Rated G.			
The Story of India (DVD)	2009	Sixty years after Indian independence, British historian Michael	Michael Wood	360 min	
		Wood presents the tale of the oldest and most diverse			
		civilization, and largest democracy. A nuclear power and a rising			
		giant, India's population will overtake China's within 10 years			
		and its economy is predicted to overtake that of the U.S. in the			
		2030s. This journey of sights and sounds, and achievements			
		takes him from the deserts of Turkmenistan to the Khyber Pass.			
Taj Mahal: The Story of Muslim		Standard historical survey of the Mughal period.	EVN	24 min	9-16+
India (VHS)					
Urban Poverty In Bangladesh: Improving Slum Life (VHS)	1996	Focues on one slum improvement project in Dinajpur.	Asian Development Bank	10 min	11-16
		SOUTHEAST ASIA			
S	outh	east Asia - Documentary Films			
Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level

Cambodia's Children Investing in Their Future (VHS)	1996	Short film publicizing educational improvements.	Asian Development Bank	10 min	11-16+
Changing Faces of Communism: Vietnam (VHS)	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 (VHS)	1987	This tape would be very useful with US history classes. It combines original letter excerpts with photos from the Vietnam war.	НВО	84 min	10-16
Ger Construction (DVD)		It shows how a ger in Mongolia is constructed	Note: DVD format; unpublished	10 min	
Good Morning Vietnam (DVD)	1988	When the U.S Army engages irrelevant nonconformist radio deejay Adrian Cronauer, it unleashes a secret, if unpredictable, weapon: laughter. Academy Award winner Robin Williams (Best Supporting Actor, Good Will Hunting, 1997) shakes up 1965 Saigon in the role that garnered him his very fist Oscar nomination. Imported by the Military to host an early a.m. radio show, Cronauer (Williams) blasts the formerly serene, sanitized airwaves with a constant barrage of rapid-fire humor and the hottest hits from back home. The G.I.s love him, but the top brass is up in arms. Riddled with sidesplitting comic salvos, bittersweet bombshells and hot '60s rock 'n' roll, this landmark film chronicles one man's raucous Saigon adventures amidst a world gone mad. (Back cover)	Touchstone Pictures	121 min	10-16+
Hidden Temples: Cambodia's Angkor Wat (VHS)	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+

Indochine (DVD)	1992	Catherine Deneuve stars in this Oscar-winning tale of passion	Sony Pictures	156 min	11-16
		and revolution in colonial Vietnam. Deneuve stars as Eliane	Classics		
		Devries, the seemingly repressed owner of a prosperous rubber			
		plantation in French Indochina. Her steely exterior, however, is			
		only a mask intended to hide her torrid love affairs from upper-			
		class society. But when her adopted Indochinese daughter			
		innocently falls in love with Eliane's secret lover, the scandalous			
		lovers' triangle threatens to destroy their entire family. A sensual			
		story of unbridled passion set against the violence of the bloody			
		Communist uprising, Indochine is an historically accurate,			
		emotionally wrenching epic of love and war.			
The Pacific Century: From the	1992	From the Barrel of the Gun describes Ho Chi Minh's life as a	Annenberg/CPB	60 min	9-16+
Barrel of a Gun (DVD)		child in French-controlled Vietnam and as a student in Paris. It	Columbia University		
		explains how he turned to communism after the Treaty of			
		Versailles ignored the rights and wishes of Asians.			
The Power of Place: World	1996	This video includes two half-programs exploring geographic	Annenberg/CPB	60 min	11-16
Regional Geography - (25)		concepts. "Mainland Southeast Asia" is about Laos and	Columbia University		
Mainland Southeast Asia, (26)		Vietnam, and "Maritime Southeast Asia focuses on Indonesia,			
Maritime Southeast Asia (VHS)		and also on the ethnic mix of Malaysia.			
Vietnam (VHS)	1992	General overview of Vietnam's history and culture.	International Video	54 min	9-12+
			Network		
Vietnam's Water Paradox (VHS)	1996	Explores the reasons Vietnam's countryside receives too much	Asian Development	10 min	11-16
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General Asia and Asian American - Documentary Films

	Title	Year	Description	Film-Maker	Length	Level

American Story: Fukuyama	1989	This program describes the immigrant experience of three	ADL Media	24 min	7-12
Family (VHS)		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.			
Between Two Cultures: Japan	1994	Taiko drumming in Newport; a Japanese-owned horse farm;	International	57 min	7-16
in America (VHS)		Toyota auto plant, etc.	Business Council		
Buddhism: The Middle Way of	1993	This documentary presents eight topics, including: the life of	Delphi Productions	25 min	
Compassion (VHS)		Buddha, the concept of karma, and the noble eight fold path of			
		Buddha's teachings.			
China: Land of My Father (VHS)	1979	Portrays the visit by Felicia Lowe, a media journalist, to her	Felicia Lowe	28 min	13-16-
		father's original home in China.			
Days of Waiting (VHS)	2000	A documentary about one of the few Caucasians to be interned	The Center for	28 min	
		with the Japanese-Americans during WWII.	Asian-American		
			Media		
Doctrinal Dimension: Islam	1992	This video explores the Islamic doctrines and ethical practices	Insight Media	60 min	9-16+
(VHS)		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.			
Doubles: Japan and America's	1995	During the occupation of Japan, fraternization between U.S.	Regge Life	59 min	11-16
Intercultural Children (VHS)		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?			
Five Thoughts on Asian Art	1995	Superb photographic presentation of East Asian porcelains,	Seattle Art Museum	48 min	9-16+
(VHS)		calligraphy, furniture, and other art forms.			
Guns, Germs and Steel (DVD)	2005	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	PBS	165 min	9-16+
		winning book by Jared Diamon. Tries to answer the question of			
		why the peoples of certain continents succeeded in invading			
		other continents and conquering or displacing their peoples.			

Influenza 1918 (DVD)	1998	In September of 1918, soldiers at an army base near Boston suddenly began to die. The cause of death was identified as influenza, but it was unlike any strain ever seen. As the killer virus spread across the country, hospitals overfilled, death carts roamed the streets and helpless city officials dug mass graves. It was the worst epidemic in American history, killing over 600,000 — until it disappeared as mysteriously as it had begun.	PBS	60 min	13-16+
Into the Deep: America, Whaling 2 and the World (DVD)	2010	For hundreds of years, the whaling industry was intricately bound up with American commerce and culture with the process and products of whaling, including shipbuilding, sailmaking, coopering, backsmithing, rope making, underwriting, and the manufacture of lamp oil, industrial lubricants, candles, corsets, and perfumes. At the industry's peak, from the mid-18th to the mid-19th centuries, American whale oil helped light the world, illuminating, powering and lubricating the first phases of the industrial revolution.	PBS	120 min	9-16+
Introducing East Asia (VHS)		General overview using documentary footage.		26 min	9-12
Islam - Empire of Faith (2 VHS 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 1 is no God but God (VHS)	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 (VHS)	1992	Provides and 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 (VHS)	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

Multicultural Peoples of North	1993	This series shows the impact of each ethnic group on the	Schlesinger Video	30 min	4-10
America: Japanese Americans		growth of the U.S. and Canada and the contributions made by	Productions		
(VHS)		individuals from each group. These programs are based on the			
		highly acclaimed "People of North America" series.			
The Pacific Century: The Future	1992	Looks at the difficult social problemspollution, population, trade	Annenberg/CPB	60 min	9-16+
of the Pacific Basin (DVD)		friction, immigrationthat are shared by the entire region. In	Columbia University		
		context of the economic and ecological interdependence,			
		examines emerging international conflicts and possible			
The Pacific Century:	1992	Examines American attitudes toward Asia from 1776 to the	Annenberg/CPB	60 min	9-16+
Sentimental Imperialists:		present. The merchants, missionaries, and Marineshowever	Columbia University		
America in Asia (DVD)		well intentionedoften saw in Asia and Asians what they wanted			
		to see, rather than the realities of those cultures and peoples.			
The Spirit of Taiko (DVD) (1	2005	Taiko, the magic beat of drums, has captivated people in every	Bridge Media	56 min	
circulating & 1 non-circulating		culture throughout times. Through three generatios of artists,			
сору)		this DVD traces the evolvement Taiko, particulary a new genre			
		of Taiko drumming performance in the U.S. in the 1960s.			
Preschool in Three Cultures	1989	A super film for teachers. The film shows a typical day in a	Fourth Wave	58 min	9-16+
(China, Japan & U.S.) (DVD)		preschool in three countries. The materials compare the	Productions Tobin,		
****Shelved with General Asia		preschool education practices and philosophies in each country.	Wu, & Davidson		
and Asian American Films and		Includes a discussion of the issues of freedom, conformity,			
Documentaries.		creativity, and discipline. The footage was shot for research			
		purpose and is not of broadcast quality. A new version of this			
		film was shot in 2009 (see next catalog entry)			
Preschool in Three Cultures	2009	The DVD companion to the book Preschool in Three Cultures	Joseph Tobin	112 min	9-16+
Revisited: Japan, China, and the		Revisited: China, Japan, and the United States. It shows typical			
United States (DVD) (1		days in preschools in China, Japan, and the US, with narration			
circulating & 1 non-circulating		tracks that present explanations and reflections of early			
copy) ****Shelved with General		childhood educators from each country. There is also a short			
Asia and Asian American Films		introduction, which explains the project's goals and methods.			
and Documentaries.		This DVD (and the book) are an updated version of the 1989			
		book and video. Shelved with General Asia and Asian American			
Religions of the World: Islam	1999	Viewers will learn about Islam's history, culture, the daily life of	Schlesinger Media	50 min	9-16+
(VHS)		rituals, customs, as well as Islamic art, architecture, and			
		calligraphy. Narrated by Ben Kingsley.			1

Struggle and Success: The African American Experience in Japan (VHS)	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+
Urbanized: A Documentary Film by Gary Hustwit (DVD)	This documentary focuses on the design of cities, and features some of the world's foremost architects, planners, policymakers, and thinkers. It deals with questions about who is allowed to shape our cities, how do they do it, and how does the design affaect our lives.	Gary Hustwit	85 min	9-16+