

Teacher Resource

China Kids

FOCUS QUESTIONS

1. Before watching the BtN *China Kids* story, predict what the story is about.
2. Which landmarks in China did the students visit?
3. Where in Tasmania do the students come from?
4. Which language do they learn at school?
5. How did their trip to China come about?
6. Who is Xi Jinping?
7. The students were invited as special guests of the president. True or false?
8. How did the students prepare for the trip?
9. How do the students describe the experience of travelling to China?
10. What did you learn watching this story?

ACTIVITY

What do you already know about China? Brainstorm what you know about Australia's connections with China. For example:

- Chinese New Year celebrations
- learning Mandarin at school
- international trade
- food
- Chinese migrants – gold rush in the 50s
- Chinese community in Australia
- prominent Australians with Chinese ancestry

After watching the BtN *China Kids* story, respond to the following questions:

- What did you SEE in this video?
- What do you THINK about what you saw in this video?
- What does this video make your WONDER?
- What did you LEARN from this story?
- How did this story make you FEEL?
- What was SURPRISING about this story?

KEY LEARNING

Students will develop a deeper understanding of China, and compare and contrast the geography, people and economy with that of Australia.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Geography – Year 6

The various connections Australia has with other countries and how these connections change people and places ([ACHGK035](#))

The location of the major countries of the Asia region in relation to Australia and the geographical diversity within the region ([ACHGK031](#))

Differences in the economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries across the world ([ACHGK032](#))

Civics and Citizenship – Year 4

Reflect on their cultural identity and how it might be similar and different from others ([ACHCS010](#))

ACTIVITY

Conduct in depth research, finding similarities and differences between Australia and China. Use the table below to help you organise your information.

As part of your research you will need to:

- Write down the name of the source that provides information
- Look for facts and opinions that answer your research questions
- Write down in your own words facts and opinions from the source

Compare and contrast	Australia	China
Geography – physical features of the country, climate, environment and population		
People – culture, customs, language, health, religion, beliefs and food		
Government – political history		
Economy – education and work, trade, industries and products		
Inquiry questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How would your life be similar and/or different if you grew up in China? ○ Why is it important to learn about other cultures? ○ How would Australia be different if we didn't have any connections with China? 		
References		

ACTIVITY

Design and create a travel brochure for China. Your brochure (A4 folded) should be informative and eye-catching to attract tourists to China. Design your brochure keeping in mind a specific audience, for example, families, backpackers or seniors, and make sure your brochure reflects that audience.

Include the following elements in your brochure:

- Geography/History – give a brief history of China and where it is located
- Food – what is eaten
- Major attractions – things to do and see
- Cultural traditions – celebrations and traditional customs
- Language – provide some useful phrases and words
- Reviews – feedback from a visitor's perspective



ACTIVITY

In small groups, plan a cultural expedition to China. You will need to identify what your team's expedition will involve. Your team should be looking for a blend of adventure and culture (include 4-5 highlights). Research what the expedition highlights will be as well a list of things to know about China (see examples below). Plan your itinerary and budget. Research the cost of airfares from Australia to China for the team. Consider any other costs when planning for the expedition. Design and make your own passports.

Expedition highlights

- Visit The Great Wall of China
- Cultural exchange – visit the local markets or learn about traditional dance and music
- Learn how to cook a traditional Chinese meal
- Visit Xian to see the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit a school and spend time with other students your age. What can you teach them about Australia?

Factsheet! Find out more about China's:

- People
- Culture
- Customs – learn about local customs
- Weather – when is the best time to visit China?
- Language – learn some useful words and phrases.



ACTIVITY

Create your own multiple choice quiz about China. Find fun and fascinating facts about China which cover a range of topics. Think about your audience and how you can make your quiz as interesting and fun as possible. Below are some example quiz questions. Ask your classmates to complete your quiz and then give them a score.

[National Geographic Kids – 30 cool facts about China!](#)

[National Geographic – China Quiz](#)

Quiz question 1

What is unique about the culture of the Dong People?

- they do not eat vegetables
- they have no written language
- they do not sing

The Dong People, who live in the remote mountains of Guizhou, have no written form of their language. They keep track of traditions and history primarily through song.

Quiz Question 2

In Ancient China, soldiers sometimes wore armour made from what material?

- metal
- paper
- silver

During the Teng Dynasty around 600 BC, soldiers wore armour made from paper. It was crafted from 10-15 layers of mulberry paper and they say that it was able to stop an arrow.



USEFUL WEBSITES

Behind the News – China Connection

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s2905940.htm>

Behind the news – Chinese Migration

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4178063.htm>

Global Education – China Profile

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/2361.html>

National Geographic Kids – 30 cool facts about China

<http://ngkids.com.au/places/30-cool-facts-about-china>

CBBC Newsround – China

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/specials/2005/china/>

BBC – China country profile

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13017877>



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