

CHINA UNIT: BOOK LIST

Shang, Zhou, Qin Dynasties

- ✧ **The Story of Ancient China** by Suzanne Strauss Art (comprehensive history of China through the Tang Dynasty. Great spine for grades 4-8) This book is a wonderful, rich and full of details about Chinese history. Great read-aloud for my 3rd and 5th grade. Would be great for Middle School/early High School independently.
- ✧ **Story of the World** Vol 1 has a few relevant chapters, but we use it because we have it on hand. I wouldn't recommend getting the book JUST for a unit on China.
- ✧ **Kingfisher History Encyclopedia** Good, but not a great source of history.
- ✧ **Myths and Civilization of the Ancient Chinese**
- ✧ **The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient China**
- ✧ **Long is a Dragon: Chinese Writing for Children** Terrific introduction to calligraphy.
- ✧ **Liu and the Bird: A journey in Chinese Calligraphy** Introduces Chinese characters
- ✧ **Chinese Brush Painting**
- ✧ **Liang and the Magic Paintbrush** (Old folktale by Demi)
- ✧ **Brush of the Gods** (picture book about the legendary painter Daozi, China's greatest painter)
- ✧ **The Dragon's Robe** (tale about invading armies at the Great Wall of China. Gorgeous Illustrations)
- ✧ **Confucius books** (Zhou Dynasty - from the library)



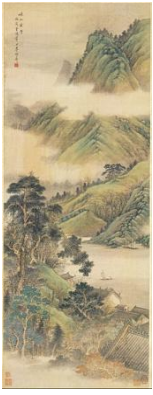
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Other Books in our Unit

- ✧ **A Grain of Rice** - Set in China, a clever peasant tries to win the hand of the princess. Gr 3-4 The kids read this independently.
- ✧ **Bound: A Chinese Cinderella Novel.** We read this together. It is about a girl whose foot is bound and her step sister who is forced to serve her. A novel that we read aloud together. Highly recommended.
- ✧ **Yeh-Shen A Cinderella Story from China.** This is a similar story to *Bound*. If you have the time, I recommend reading *Bound*, but this is terrific picture book.
- ✧ **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** - Novel. We read this novel together. Highly recommended. DD says, "It's awesome, awesome!!"





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Other Books in our Unit

- ✧ **The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven**
- ✧ **Chin Yu Min and the Giner Cat - Picture book**
- ✧ **Lon Po Po - A Red Riding Hood story from China**
- ✧ **Chinese Fables: The Dragon Slayer and Other Timeless Tales of Wisdom - 19 Stories, some from Ancient China.**
- ✧ **The Seven Chinese Sisters - Picture book**
- ✧ **Little Monk and the Matins: A Bug, A Boy, and the Birth of a Kung Fu Legend**
- ✧ **The Dragon's Tale and other Animal Fables of the Chinese Zodiac**



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Song, Yuan, Ming, Qing Dynasties

- ✧ **China's Later Dynasties by Suzanne Strauss Art** (comprehensive history of China through the Song, Yuan, Ming, Qing Dynasties. Great spine for grades 4-8)
- ✧ **The Legend of Mu Lan a Heroine of Ancient China** (Song Dynasty)
- ✧ **Marco Polo Books** (Yuan Dynasty)
 - **Marco Polo** (by Demi)
 - **Marco Polo A Journey Through China** (Fiona MacDonald)

The Adventures of Marco Polo (Russell Freedman)

Activity Books

- ✧ **Moonbeams, Dumplings and Dragon Boats: Holiday Tales, Activities and Recipes**

Lapbook/Notebook Resources:

- ✧ **I made some notebook pages to go with our study of the Ancient Chinese dynasties**
- ✧ **I have a long blog post with links for lapbook printables for younger kids PreK-K or older kids Grades 2-5**

