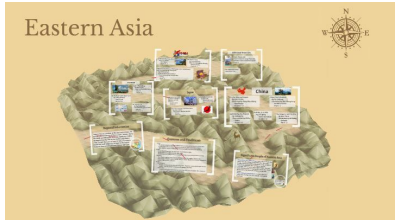


# EASTERN ASIA TEXT SET

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## Regional Information

Eastern Asia is a portion of the continent of Asia. It includes the countries of China, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, and Mongolia. Its large population makes up approximately 22% of the world's population. Even though there are a large variety of customs, traditions, and religions practiced in the region, many of these are derived from Chinese heritage.



## Customs and Traditions

- China
  - The custom of *guanxi* states that friends and associates must help each other when needed. If you do not adhere to *guanxi* you will lose your reputation or honor.
  - Also, children must do what they can help the family maintain social standing.
- Japan
  - Generally, the Japanese feel they must return favors or gifts.
  - Being shamed in public is looked down upon.
  - Patient (open) and politeness are extremely important and considered essential
- Thailand
  - It is illegal to say or write anything offensive about the royalty of the country.
  - The people of Thailand generally feel that you should "live for the moment" and use the phrase "Mai Pen Rai" to show it.
- Korea
  - North Korea
    - People are very independent and self-reliant. They have a great deal of pride in their nation. The idea of *jae*'s influences all aspects of life there.
  - South Korea
    - Social standing determines how you are treated in many situations. The elderly are to be respected. Reciprocity is commonplace.

## Significant People of Eastern Asia

- Zhang Heng (a.k.a. Chang Heng) - Heng was a scientist who made many discoveries during his lifetime. His most popular discovery was the seismograph, which is used to measure the strength of an earthquake. (China)
- Midori Ito - Ito is a world famous figure skater. She won many championships throughout her career. She is known for being the first woman to complete a triple axle. (Japan)
- King Ramkhamhaeng (Pa Khun) - He was a dedicated leader who developed the Thai alphabet and spread Buddhism.



## Significant People

Ju Si-Gyeong - Developed modern Korean linguistics. Also encouraged people to write horizontally. (North Korea)



Chung Ju-yong - Businessman. Founded Hyundai, as a construction company. (South Korea)



## China

- *D is for Dancing Dragon*
  - By Carol Crane
  - Illustrated by Zong-Zhou Wang
  - Non-Fiction
  - Grades 1-3
- *A New Year's Reunion*
  - By Yu Li-Qiong
  - Illustrated by Zhu Cheng-liang
  - Realistic Fiction
  - Pre-K - 2
- *Summoning the Phoenix*
  - By Emily Jiang
  - Illustrated by April Chu
  - Poetry
  - Grades 1-3
- *Red Kite, Blue Kite*
  - By Ji-Li Jiang
  - Historical Fiction
  - Grades 1-3
- *The Emperor and the Kite*
  - By Jane Yolen
  - Illustrated by Ed Young
  - Folktales
  - Pre-K - 3

## Japan

- *The Way We Do It In Japan*
  - By Geneva Cobb Iijima
  - Illustrated by Paige Bollenfey
  - Realistic Fiction
  - Grades K-4
- *Grandfather's Journey*
  - By Allen Say
  - Historical Fiction
  - Grades Preschool-3
- *Three Samurai Cats - A Story from Japan*
  - By Erica Kimmel
  - Illustrated by Mordica Gerstein
  - Folktales
  - Grades K-3

## Thailand

- *Hush! A Thai Lullaby*
  - By Minfong Ho
  - Illustrated by Holly Meade
  - Poetry
  - Pre-K - 2
- *An Elephant in the Back Yard*
  - By Richard Sobol
  - Non-Fiction
  - Grades K-4
- *Ten Mice for Tet*
  - By Pegi Deitz Shea
  - Illustrated by Cynthia Weill
  - Folktales
  - Grades K - 3



## KOREA





- *Countries In The News: Korea*
  - By Kieran Walsh
  - Non-Fiction
  - Grades 1 - 3
- *My Name is Yoon*
  - By Helen Recorvits
  - Illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska
  - Realistic Fiction
  - Grades K - 2
- *Korean Nursery Rhymes: Wild Geese, Land of Goblins, and Other Favorite Songs and Rhymes*
  - By Danielle Wright
  - Illustrated by Helen Acraman
  - Translated by Jenny Wang Medina
  - Poetry
  - Pre-K - 2

## Additional Resources

- *Asian Playground*
  - CD of Children's Songs from Asia
  - Includes various children's music from 11 countries
- *The Legend of Mulan*
  - Companion Site

SEE ALSO: [HTTP://KTHARTIG.WEEBLY.COM/TEXT-SETS.HTML](http://kthartig.weebly.com/text-sets.html)

ADDITIONAL FAMOUS PEOPLE OF EASTER ASIA

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| <p>CHINA: ED (TSE-CHUN) YOUNG (ED YOUNG) ILLUSTRATOR BARBARA DACOSTA, <i>NIGHTTIME NINJA</i>, 2012.</p> | <p>JAPAN: MITSUMASA ANNO <i>ANNO'S ALPHABET</i>, 1974</p>                         | <p>THAILAND: WARRIOR QUEEN SURIYOTHAI WAS THE WIFE OF KING CHAKRAPHAT THE 16 TH KING OF AYUTTHAYA BETWEEN 1548 TO 1564 AND AGAIN PARTLY IN 1569 IN MARCH AND APRIL. SHE IS FAMOUS FOR BEING A HEROINE WHO DIED IN BATTLE AGAINST THE BURMESE WHILST MOUNTED ON HER ELEPHANT BACK IN A FIGHT WITH PRINCE PROME OF BURMA TO PROTECT HER HUSBAND WHOSE ELEPHANT HAD COLLAPSED FROM WOUNDS.</p> | <p>KOREA: HYUN-SOO KIM AS OF JULY 3, 2016:<br/>         BATTING AVERAGE: .338<br/>         HITS 44<br/>         HOME RUNS 3<br/>         RBIS 11<br/>         ON-BASE PERCENTAGE .423</p> |