

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- *Current Events*: Students will read and discuss news about China and Tibet.
- *History*: Students will research and report on the rulers during the Tang dynasty.
- *Art History*: Students will research and display or share examples of art, poetry, etc., from the Tang dynasty.

Activities

1. *Use the News*: What current events are occurring concerning China? Why is Tibet in conflict with China? Is Tibet part of China? Why is the rest of the world interested? Read the newspaper and search for international news about China and Tibet.
2. What is a dynasty? Who ruled China during the Tang Dynasty? What were they like? Did they make any significant changes to Chinese religion, culture, military, etc.? Research and report on the rulers of China during this dynasty.
3. What are some examples of art and culture from the Tang dynasty? Research and share poems, songs, art, sculpture, etc., from this era. It would be interesting to compare and contrast these examples with other dynasties, both older and current.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade level.