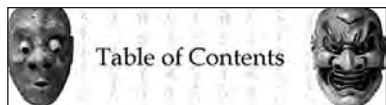


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JAPAN

TITLE: JAPANESE HISTORY



URL:
<http://www.variable.net/hidden/japan/introduction.html>

Although this site is a “demo” for a course, this scaled-down version could prove to be very useful for pre-college students. The multimedia approach has great appeal; in addition to pictorial representations, there are audio and video clips. The material is arranged via a timeline.

TITLE: ANCIENT JAPAN

URL: <http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/ANCJAPAN/CONTENTS.HTM>

A view of the major events and cultural “concepts” of ancient Japan. The chronology ends with the Heian period, and the cultural topics include the music, the writing, and the arts of Japan; there are sections on Buddhism as well. The audience for this page would be students who haven’t studied Japan previously.

CHINA

TITLE: XINJIANG, CHINA PRIOR TO THE REPUBLICAN ERA

URL: <http://www.wlc.com/oxus/xinjiang.htm>

An article about the history of this region in northwestern China beginning with the entry of China during the Han dynasty and ending in 1884, when Xinjiang became a province of China. This article is part of a larger work, “The Soviets in Xinjiang,” to which it is linked.

TITLE: CHINA, A COUNTRY STUDY

URL: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cntoc.html>

An extensive history of China is part of the on-line Country Studies/Area Handbook Program sponsored by the Department of the Army. While many of these Handbooks were written more than 10 years ago, their chapters on history impart valuable and detailed information.

KOREA

TITLE: ABOUT KOREA—A HISTORY



URL: <http://korea.emb.washington.dc.us/new/korea/history/>

An easily navigated site covering the prehistoric through contemporary historical periods of Korea. Each section is illustrated with art, artifacts, and text fragments appropriate to the time.

KOREA: NEOLITHIC AGE BOWL.

INDIA

TITLE: INDIAN HISTORY

URL: <http://www.meadev.gov.in/culture/history/intro.htm>

This site traces the roots of Indian civilization and includes the entry of the Aryans, the Muslim invasions and the coming of the Europeans. The section on the Muslim invasions, for example, takes a brief look at the Delhi Sultanate, the impact of Islam, Kabir and Nanak, and the great Mughals.

TITLE: THE HISTORY OF INDIA

URL: <http://www.itihaas.com/index.html>

The history of India is presented in four sections, each of them viewed in the context of a detailed timeline. Associated with some of the events in the timeline are articles submitted by various contributors.

THAILAND

TITLE: THE LAND OF SMILES

URL: <http://tourismthailand.org/about/history.htm>



Published by the official Tourism Authority of Thailand, this is a brief overview of the five major periods of the history of Thailand. The site is useful for beginners who wish to learn about some of the dates, places and important figures in Thailand beginning with the Nanchao Period.

VIETNAM

TITLE: THE WARS FOR VIETNAM

URL: <http://students.vassar.edu/~vietnam/>

Documents about the wars in Vietnam, gathered by Prof. Robert Brigham, are the core of this site. The documents begin with the Geneva Peace Accords of July, 1954 and end with the Paris Accords of January, 1973.

SINGAPORE

TITLE: SINGAPORE HISTORY

URL: <http://asnic.utexas.edu/asnic/countries/singapore/Singapore-History.html>

A chapter from the book “Singapore, 1994.” The major virtue of this page is the extensive bibliography of books about the history of Singapore, with several about the history of the Chinese in Singapore.

SOUTH ASIA

TITLE: HARAPPA

URL: <http://www.harappa.com/>



A multimedia look at the Indus Valley and the Raj with a total of 1,104 pages. There are sound clips of Gandhi, Nehru and others. There is a 90-slide tour around the ancient Indus civilization accompanied by text. In addition to 130 photos accessed via a clickable map, there are postcards, lithographs and engravings. A “wall” of movies includes clips of Gandhi in Italy and Jinnah, Pakistan’s founder, in 1941.

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