

Teaching about Asia through Youth Culture

JAPAN

Anime

The Ghibli Studio and Hayo Miyazaki rank foremost in Japanese anime. The following sites contain interviews, movie clips, and discussions about Ghibli and Miyazaki:

Title: Ghibli—The Miyazaki Temple

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoXRf0h-3Lo>

A review in six parts, most of them around eight to nine minutes long. This link is to the first section with links to the others on the sidebar.

Title: The Birth of Studio Ghibli

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds3adcHVxnQ>

A documentary in English voiceover, in three parts, with interviews, clips, recreations.

Title: The Studio Ghibli Collection

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQbjP3BY9w0>

A five-minute review of some of the studio's work beginning in 1985 with Nausicaä.

Title: Hayao Miyazaki Interview

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJLBED-6M8I>

Two ten-minute documentaries in English (or with English subtitles) including interviews with Miyazaki.

Title: *Spirited Away* – English Dub

URL: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6911768548239675116>

For those who would like to see the entire movie *Spirited Away*, perhaps the best-known anime film in the US, this site is it, albeit in dubbed English.

Manga

Title: A History of Manga

URL: http://www.dnp.co.jp/museum/nmp/nmp_i/articles/manga/manga1.html

This site, although ten years old, provides a concise history of manga in Japan. The articles cover publishing houses, manga genres such as sports manga or romance manga, and the best-known manga artists.

Title: Manga

URL: <http://manga.about.com/>

One can learn a great deal about manga on this page. In the left frame there are links to a variety of articles, including an introduction to manga, reviews of manga, and an art and photo gallery. There are also interviews with manga authors and publishers.

INDIA

Title: India's Youth: *Business Week* International Edition

URL: http://www.businessweek.com/1999/99_41/b3650015.htm

Although this story dates back almost a decade, it provides a lot of information about the changes in the youth culture of India. In addition to this cover story, there are links (in the right frame) to tables and photos.

Title: Ingene, Indian Youth Blog

URL: <http://ingene.blogspot.com/2008/08/indian-youth-lifestyle.html>

This is a blog, so it is ever changing. However, the focus is on the trends of the youth culture in India, including information on fashion. One can look for items of interest (for example, movies) by using the blog search feature in the upper left of each page.

CHINA

Title: *Is It Only A Movie?: An Empirical Study of Globalization and Youth Materialism in China*

URL: http://www.allacademic.com//meta/p_mla_apa_research_citation/0/9/3/2/2/pages93220/p93220-1.php

This paper was presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association. It looks at the patterns of materialism as demonstrated by consumption of media products; it also asks questions about the values that contribute to this materialism. The forty-page document can be seen in two formats on these pages.

Title: Letter from China: Angry Youth

URL: http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/07/28/080728fa_fact_osnos

This article appeared in *The New Yorker* during the summer of 2008 shortly before the Summer Olympics. It touches on clashes with Tibet, the legacy of Tiananmen Square, and young *YouTube* filmmakers, especially one whose film captivated many young Chinese.

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Title: *Chinese Digital Times: Youth Culture*

URL: <http://chinadigitaltimes.net/tag/Youth-Culture/>

This is a compendium of articles, frequently updated, about youth culture in China. Each article comes from a variety of news sources. Abstracts are provided, and one can choose to read the entire article from the original source.

SOUTH KOREA

Title: *Contemporary Youth Culture in Korea*

URL: <http://www.askasia.org/teachers/essays/essay.php?no=125>

Although this is not a lengthy article, the perspective of mother-daughter insights is quite rare and is worth reading. The authors speak not just of their own relationship, but also of Korean youth in general.

Title: *The New York Times: China's Youth Look to Seoul for Inspiration*

URL: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/01/02/international/asia/02korea.html>

This is a fascinating view of the relationship between the youth of China and Korea. To many Chinese, Korea is seen to be in the vanguard of the lifestyles that Chinese young people covet.

Title: *Socioeconomic differentials in cause-specific mortality among South Korean adolescents*

URL: <http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/36/1/50>

While not the usual focus of our East Asian studies, this article in the *International Journal of Epidemiology* presents interesting results that show the relationship between socioeconomic status and youth mortality in South Korea. (The entire article is available in PDF format from the link on the right frame.)

Title: *Asia Times: News from Korea*

URL: <http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Korea/FK25Dg01.html>

The Internet in Korea has transformed the delivery of news to young people and has affected the outcome of the elections of government officials, including the President of Korea in 2003. The news reporters on the Korean Internet number in the tens of thousands and for the most part are young, non-professional journalists.

INDONESIA

Title: *Inside Indonesia: Youth Culture*

URL: http://insideindonesia.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=630&Itemid=29

The January 2006, issue of this magazine is devoted to youth culture of Indonesia. Article topics include crime, language variations, and sexuality. The article on language, for example, focuses on accents, styles, loan words, and regionalisms used by young Indonesians.

THE PHILIPPINES

Title: *Youth in the Philippines*

URL: http://www.unescap.org/esid/hds/youth/youth_philippines.pdf

Queen's University (Canada) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) published this monograph in 2000. It is 161 pages in PDF format and covers a wide range of topics including health policy, education, and political participation. Since much of the data is from the 1990s, the document acts as a historical framework for the study of the Philippine youth of today.

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