China Biographical Database Project
URL: http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k16229
There are more than 300,000 biographical entries in this database that originated with Professor Robert M. Hartwell. Most of the biographical data is from the seventh through the nineteenth centuries and is available online or for download free of charge. The instructions for logging in are on the right side of the page and are explained clearly.

Biographical Index of Missionaries—China
URL: http://www.phcmontreat.org/bios/Bios-Missionaries-China.htm
These are short biographies of nineteenth-century missionaries to China and additional biographies of missionaries from the years 1900–20. Most of the biographies depict the years of service and role played by each missionary. A few photographs accompany some biographies.

Wang Tao
URL: http://tinyurl.com/kv3whfk
This page is dedicated to Wang Tao, a writer and translator born in the nineteenth century. He found a job with the London Missionary Society Press and worked on a Chinese translation of the New Testament. Wang later translated the classics of Chinese literature. The biography on this site describes his travels outside of China, including Hong Kong and Scotland.

Mao Zedong
URL: http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/special/china_1900_mao_early.htm
This biographical piece on Mao is from the Asia Society's Focus on Asian Studies and is reprinted here on Columbia University's Asia for Educators. There are two sections: “The Early Years” and “Leader of the Chinese Revolution.” It is comprised solely of text with no images included. There are several discussion questions at the end of the biography.

The Father of Modern China
CNN produced Inside China, a special collection of articles, opinions, and profiles. One of the profile articles is about Sun Yat-sen, “The Father of Modern China.”

INDIA
The Mughals of India (video)
URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WX1ZWVuY84Q
Produced in conjunction with the History Channel, this film of one hour and forty minutes in length covers the history of Mughal rule in India. In addition to biographical facts of the leaders, there is commentary on weaponry; war battles, and architecture, including the construction of the Taj Mahal, built by Shah Jahan in the seventeenth century.

One Family’s Tryst with Destiny
URL: http://www.historytoday.com/jad-adams/one-family%E2%80%99s-tryst-destiny
Motilal Nehru, born into poverty but later a wealthy man, was head...
of the Nehru family, who dominated the political life of India for more than 40 years. The two most prominent leaders were Jawaharlal Nehru and his daughter Indira Gandhi, both of whom became Prime Minister of India.

Mohandas Gandhi
URL: http://www.history.com/topics/mahatma-gandhi
The History Channel has published this concise biography of Gandhi. The links to videos and pictures near the top of the page do not provide much valuable additional information. For a more detailed biography, (in six parts), one can go to this site:

Mother India: A Political Biography of Indira Gandhi
URL: http://tinyurl.com/m9jca46
This is an almost-600-page book about Indira Gandhi. Several pages appear on this Google Books site. While it is far from the complete book, there is sufficient coverage for the reader to gain information and insights about the life of Indira Gandhi, especially from the introductory pages.

MONGOLIA
Kublai Khan (video)
URL: http://tinyurl.com/jlyh5fo
The life of Kublai Khan is depicted in this video, produced in association with the History Channel. Even as a young man, he was recognized as an enlightened ruler, in part because of the influence of his mother. His exploits, battles, and conquests are shown through dramatizations, paintings, and commentaries by British scholars. Eventually, Khan became Emperor of China; his policies and rulings are related here as well.

THE PHILIPPINES
From the Life Stories of Filipino Women
These are the stories of ten women from the Philippines who chose to migrate alone, without their families, in order to gain employment and obtain funds in other countries. Often the major reason for leaving was to facilitate the education of their children. The author looks at the impact of this migration on relationships between mothers and children and the changes in the women themselves, both positive and negative.

KOREA
King Sejong the Great
URL: http://asiasociety.org/countries/traditions/king-sejong-great
The Asia Society site provides a large number of educational resources. This article on King Sejong is part of their Korean section. King Sejong was born in 1397, and during his reign and thereafter, he was considered one of the most enlightened leaders in Korean history. His creation of hangul, the Korean alphabet, is viewed as his most remarkable achievement.

Korean War Stories (video)
URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V59rItC0RQ8&feature=youtube_gdata
Photos and video clips, interspersed with the remarks (years later) of veterans on the Korean War, comprise this video produced by PBS. PBS has several other programs on the Korean War that can be accessed on their site www.pbs.org.

PAKISTAN
Mr. Jinnah: The Making of Pakistan (video)
URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-tWIe9aYgE
The film begins with comments upon the death of Muhammed Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan. The speakers express their reverence, admiration, and awe of the man and his accomplishments. The movie proceeds with the relinquishing of Pakistan by the British and the ceremonies associated with the formation of a new state in 1947.

INDONESIA
Sukarno
Written in 1999, this look at Sukarno summarizes his life and his activities, especially as the leader of a movement to seek independence for Indonesia. The article is part of Time magazine’s series “The Most Influential Asians of the Century.”

VIỆT NAM
Whispers from Việt Nam War (video)
URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOe4F5xdOZ8
These are the war stories of Yang Vue, a Hmong fighter from Laos during the Việt Nam War. The film is approximately ten minutes long and is subtitled in English. It was posted on YouTube in 2006.

Reflections on a War
URL: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam/reflect/
The PBS series “American Experience” produced a six-year project about the war in Việt Nam. Part of the project is this group of essays written by people who were connected with the war, including writers, service veterans and medical workers.

THAILAND
Soul of a Nation: The Royal Family of Thailand (video)
URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y263zmpfziY
The BBC compiled the segments of this video in 1979. This is part one of two parts. The head of the Royal Family is King Bhumibol, who became king in 1946 and is the longest-reigning king of Thailand. This is the story of his family. Part two of this series can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuEbc_8cXjY

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