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Asian Bodies of Water

URL: <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Asia-lakes.html>

This is a simple way for younger students to become familiar with the seas and oceans of the Asian continent. There are check boxes for selecting the location of a specific body of water; or one can also click on a map, and the sea or ocean will be identified with an accompanying descriptive blurb.

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URL: <http://maritimeasia.ws/index.html>

This site has a number of links on the left side of its pages pertaining to shipwrecks near the Malay Peninsula, the early ship voyages in Southeast Asia, and an exhibit prepared by Maritime Archaeology Malaysia. There is a link to a separate site, *Maritime Lanka*, at the bottom of the listing.

Aspects of Japanese Shipping History

URL: <http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/js/JS376.pdf>

Among the papers at a symposium about the shipping history of Japan are papers presented by two professors: Peter Davies and Kunio Katayama. In this forty-seven page document, Professor Davies discusses the pre-World War I shipping history in Japan. Professor Katayama's focus is the period before the Sino-Japanese War of 1894–95.

The Ming Voyages

URL: http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/special/china_1000ce_mingvoyages.htm

"The Ming Voyages" is part of Columbia University's *Asia for Educators* site. In addition to outlining the seven voyages that took place from 1405 to 1433, there are descriptions of China's shipping technology at the time, as well as pertinent discussion questions and classroom activities.

Chinese Maritime History (video)

URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkPrOt_DGvg

This video begins in ancient times and depicts the history of shipbuilding and maritime developments in China. The narration is in English with subtitles in Chinese, and the video is almost five minutes in length.

INDIAN OCEAN TRADE HISTORY

The Indian Ocean in World History

URL: <http://www.indianoceanhhistory.org/>

The core functions of this site can be found at the upper right of each page. The Maps section provides information based on the era, from prehistory to the twentieth century. Each map has a detailed legend, and further information can be gathered by clicking on the symbols on the map. The Learning Tools section offers a number of aids to educators, including teacher guides.

Islam, Trade and Politics across the Indian Ocean

URL: <http://www.ottomansoutheastasia.org/resources/Exhibition%20leaflet.pdf>

The British Library has placed online a portion of its exhibit that

covers various topics pertaining to the Indian Ocean. The focus is the relationship between Muslim Southeast Asia and the Ottoman Empire. The site presents an attractive collection of graphics, including ancient maps and artifacts.

The Pattern of Trade in Seventeenth-Century Mughal India: Towards an Economic Explanation

URL: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/economicHistory/pdf/WP120.pdf>

This is a working paper taken from a dissertation submitted to the London School of Economics. The focus is to assess the significance and effects of the arrival of European traders in Southeast Asia.

WORLD WAR II: THE PACIFIC WAR

The Nimitz Graybook

URL: <http://usnwc.edu/Academics/Library/Naval-Historical-Collection.aspx#items/show/849>

Among the papers of Admiral Chester Nimitz are these eight volumes of documents relating to the war in the Pacific. The documents include summaries of decisions and daily reports of activities and communications, and covers the period from December 7, 1941, to August 31, 1945.

WWII Pacific Battles

URL: <http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/wwiipacific/WWIIPac-index.htm>

This site was created by the Naval History and Heritage Command. In addition to descriptions of battles in Pearl Harbor, Midway, Okinawa, and others during WWII, there are short biographies of important naval leaders and a list of pertinent web resources about the Pacific War.

Conversations with Veterans: World War II in the Pacific

URL: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?157924-1/conversations-veterans-world-war-ii-pacific>

C-SPAN filmed this discussion of veterans' experiences held by the Eisenhower Center of the University of New Orleans in 2000. The video is over two hours long and also features the then-director of the Center, Douglas Brinkley, and Tom Brokaw of NBC.

The Pacific War: Despair on the Battlefield (video)

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36HNAqDI2O0>

Similar to the previously cited web video, this too presents the views of those involved in the Pacific War, but from the Japanese point of view. In addition to veterans, there are also the wartime experiences of nonmilitary citizens, including women and people from Okinawa.

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The Deadliest Tsunami in History?

URL: <http://bit.ly/1sOe8u4>

National Geographic magazine has produced this article about the 2004 tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean. In addition to facts about tsunamis, in general, the article describes the 2004 destruction that took place, and the hundreds of thousands who lost their lives, and the eleven countries that suffered property damage. For more in-depth coverage from the *National Geographic*, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/XbP85f>.

Tsunami 2004 Facts and Figures

URL: <http://www.tsunami2004.net/tsunami-2004-facts/>
 At the top of this site is a disturbing video showing the power and force of the 2004 tsunami as it came onshore. There are many links to stories about the 2004 tsunami from a variety of news sources, such as CNN and the BBC.

Japan Tsunami

URL: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2011/mar/14/japan-tsunami-amateur-footage-video>
 From *The Guardian* in the UK comes a compilation of amateur videos taken in 2011 of the tsunami that struck the northeast coast of Japan. The destruction and devastation that took place in seconds is evident throughout the video.

CURRENT MARITIME ISSUES AND DISPUTES**Indo-Bangladesh Maritime Border dispute**

URL: <http://www1.american.edu/ted/ICE/taplatti.html>
 This paper was published in December, 2011. The disappearance of a small island in the Bay of Begnal, which had been claimed by both India and Bangladesh, had repercussions regarding the ongoing dispute, the issue of climate change, and maritime boundaries in general. The report is well organized with excellent graphical representations of maritime boundaries.

Maritime Territorial Disputes and Sovereignty issues in Asia

URL: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-112shrg76697/html/CHRG-112shrg76697.htm>
 The bulk of this Senate hearing before the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs consists of statements and testimony of Assistant Secretaries of State and several US Senators. The hearing took place on September 20, 2012.

Troubled Waters: Indonesia's Growing Maritime Disputes

URL: <http://thediplomat.com/2014/02/troubled-waters-indonesias-growing-maritime-disputes/>

This article in *The Diplomat* magazine gives a brief outline of the maritime disputes that Indonesia has with three nations: Australia, Papua New Guinea, and Singapore. It was written in February 2014, and there are over twenty comments about the subject appended to the article. ■

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