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Chinese & Japanese Studies

A Research & Teaching Tool Kit



A. Preparing for Research

1. Identify the **key concepts** related to your research topic
2. Use [dictionaries](#), [encyclopedias](#) and [online translators](#) to build a list of **key words** to represent your concepts
3. Search in the [Bibliography of Asian Studies](#) (U of R only) or other subject related [bibliographies](#) and [indexes](#), using your keyword list
4. Identify the types of materials that you want to use
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5. Search the U of R Library Catalogue
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6. [Selected Web Sources](#) (by Subjects)
7. Interlibrary Loan: Dr. John Archer Library can borrow the materials you need from other libraries. Please use the [Interlibrary Loans Online Request Form](#) to submit your requests.
8. Once you have collected enough material, you may then begin your literature review.

B. Teaching & Self-Learning Tools

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Encyclopedias & Dictionaries



China	Japan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ABC etymological dictionary of old Chinese</i> (2007). Call No: PL 1281 S38 2007 • <i>Cambridge encyclopaedia of China.</i>(1991) Archer Reference Call No: DS 705 C35 1991 • <i>China today : an encyclopaedia of life in the People's Republic.</i> (2005) Call No: DS 777.6 C458 2005 • <u>Chinese-English and English-Chinese Dictionary</u> a beginner's dictionary • <i>Ci hai (辞海) v.1-v.3</i> (1979). Call No. PL 1420 T86 1979 • <i>Encyclopaedia of contemporary Chinese culture.</i> (2005) Call No: DS 779.23 E53 2005 • <i>English-Chinese dictionary of linguistics</i> ●●●●●.(2005) Call No: P 29 Y558 2005 • <i>Historical dictionary of the Chinese Cultural Revolution</i> (2006). Call No: DS 778.7 G86 2006 • <i>Introduction to Research in Chinese Source Materials</i> (2000). Call No: Z3106 C64 2000 Reference • <u>Lin Yutang's Chinese-English Dictionary</u> a research dictionary • <i>Modern Chinese artists : a biographical dictionary</i> (2006) Call No: N 7348 S85 2006 • <i>Modern Chinese Dictionary</i> ●●●●●●●● (2000) Call No. PL 1420 X53 2000 • <i>New age Chinese English dictionary</i> (2000) Call No. PL 1455 X563 2000 • <i>Oxford Chinese dictionary : English-Chinese, Chinese-English.</i>(2003). Archer Reference. Call No. PL 1455 O94 2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An Illustrated Dictionary of Japanese Onomatopoeic Expressions.</i> (1989). Call No. PL 685 G66 1989 • <i>Biographical dictionary of Japanese art.</i> (1981). Call No: N 7358 B55 1981 Reference • <i>Dictionary of Japanese Idioms</i> (2005) Call No: PL 645 D4 2005 • <i>Encyclopedia of Japanese pop culture.</i> (1997) Archer Reference. Call No: DS 822.5 S3 1997 • <u>English - Japanese and Japanese - English Dictionary</u> • <i>Integrated Japanese - English grammar dictionary</i> (1987) Archer Reference Call No. PL 539.3 J4 1987 • <i>Kodansha Encyclopaedia of Japan</i> (1983) Archer Reference Call No: DS 805 K633 1983 • <i>Kodansha's Effective Japanese Usage Dictionary</i> (2001) Archer Reference. Call No. PL 667 K63 2001 • <i>Kodansha's essential Kanji dictionary</i> (2002) Archer Reference. Call No. PL 679 K65 2002 • <i>Merriam-Webster's Japanese-English Learner's Dictionary.</i> (1993). Call no. PL 679 K38213 1993 • <u>●●语●●●</u>

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Online Translators

- [Babel Fish Translation](#)
- [Japanese Web Browsing Translator](#) Enter the URL that you want to browse and then move your mouse over the text. You will be given the translation.

Indexes, Bibliographies & Directories

- [Ancient Chinese Civilization: Bibliography of Materials in Western Languages](#), [PDF file] compiled by Paul R. Goldin.

- [Bibliography of Contemporary Chinese Art](#) includes a general and a artist bibliography
- [Bibliography of Western Language Publications on Chinese Popular Religion](#) (1995 to present)
- [East & Southeast Asia: an Annotated Directory of Internet Resources](#)
- [Hong Kong University Theses Online](#) Most are full-texts, including some social surveys.
- [Internet Resources on China, Taiwan and Macau](#)
- [Internet Reference Guide to Hong Kong](#) includes Hong Kong Newspapers, Statistics, government documents and market data.
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Books

The library collection focuses on Chinese History, Economics, Philosophy, Politics and Literature. Chinese literature can be found in the "PL1001-PL3208" call number range on the fourth floor.

For the books on Japan , the library collection focuses on Japanese history, religions and arts. The Japanese literature could be found in the "PL501-PL889" call number range on the fourth floor.

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English Journals and Newspapers

China	Japan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beijing Review • China business news (U of R only) • China daily (U of R only) • China economic review (U of R only) • China Post (U of R only) • China quarterly (London) (U of R only) • Late imperial China (U of R only) • News from Xinhua News Agency, China (Hong Kong : Weekly) (U of R only) • Orientations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asahi Shimbun • Japan Times • Japanese economic review (Oxford , England) (U of R only) • Journal of Japanese studies (U of R only) • Kyodo News (Tokyo) • Monumenta Nipponica (U of R only) • Orientations • Social science Japan journal (U of R only) • NIKKEI News (Business News) • Early Modern Japan

Journals and Newspapers in the Original Languages

China	Japan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 青年文摘 Call No: AP 95 C4 C54624 • 神州学人 Call No: LC 3051 S53 • 中国国情国力 Call No: HC 427.92 C5487425 • 中國改革 Call No: HC 427.92 C54842 • 中国青年 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asahi Shinbun Call No: AP 95 J2 A84 • Kyodo Shinbun • Mainichi Shinbun • Nihon no Bijutsu Call No. N 7353 N537 • National Institute of Informatics includes 2.8 million full-text articles from Japanese academic journals • Tokyo Shinbun • Yomiuri Online (Tokyo)

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Images & Maps

- [20th Century East Asian Image Collection](#) documents the Sino-Japanese Conflict (1937-1945), a visual history of Buddhist practices and daily life in both rural and urban China .
- [Asian Historical Architecture](#) a visual tour of Asian Historical sites with introductions
- [China Historical GIS Dataset](#) a database of populated places and historical administrative units for the period of Chinese history between 222 BCE and 1911 CE.
- [Cities and Buildings Database](#)
- [Japanese Buddhist Statuary \(A to Z Photo Dictionary\)](#)
- [Japanese Old Photographs in Bakumatsu-Meiji Period](#), Nagasaki University Library
- [教育用画像素材](#) (Japan) provides a collection of photos categorized in education subjects.
- [One Hundred Famous Views of Edo](#) (Brooklyn Museum)
- [Taiwan Memory](#)
- [The Huntington Archive of Asian Arts](#) (ARTstor) U of R Users Only
- [The Mellon International Dunhuang Archive](#) (ARTstor) U of R Users Only

Search in U of R Catalogue

- Search in Chinese or Japanese

Go to the "Basic Search" page of the U of R Catalogue. Put Chinese characters or Japanese Hiragana into the "Find this" search box. Select "keywords Anywhere" in the "Find Results in" Column.

The screenshot displays the University of Regina Libraries' search interface. At the top, the header reads "University of Regina LIBRARIES Web Voyage". Below this is a navigation bar with links for Database, Search, Headings, Titles, My Account, E-Resources, Bookbag, Request, History, and Help. The main content area shows the "Database Name: University of Regina Libraries" and three search options: Basic Search (highlighted), Guided Search, and Course Reserve. The "Find This:" search box contains the Chinese characters "辞海". Below it, the "Quick Limit:" dropdown is set to "None". To the right, the "Find Results in:" dropdown is set to "Keyword Anywhere", which is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it with the text "Select 'Keywords Anywhere'". Another red arrow points to the search box with the text "Put Chinese Characters or Japanese Hiraganas in the". At the bottom of the search area, there is a "75 records per page" dropdown, "Search" and "Reset" buttons, and a "Limits" button.

Keyword Search

- enter words and/or phrases below;
- use quotes to search phrases: "world wide web"
- use + to mark essential terms: +Cockatoohamon

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- Search in English (frequently used subject terms)

Subject	China	Japan
Culture and Social Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Civilization • China Description and Travel • China Social Conditions • China Social Life and Customs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan Civilization • Japan Social Life and Customs • Popular Culture Japan
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Economic Conditions • China Economic Policy • China Foreign Economic Relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan Economic Conditions • Japan Economic Policy • Japan Foreign Economic Relations
Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Chinese (History or different periods, etc.) • China Antiques • Painting Chinese • Pottery Chinese • Porcelain Chinese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Japanese (History or Exhibitions, etc.) • Architecture Japan • Painting Japanese • Pottery Japanese
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China History (Periods) • Beijing • Shanghai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan History (periods) • Tokyo
Language	Chinese Language	Japanese Language
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Fiction • Chinese Literature • Chinese Poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Literature • Japan Fiction
Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Ethnic Relations • China Foreign Relations • China Politics and Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan Foreign Relations; • Japan Politics and Government
Religions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism China • Buddhism China Tibet • China Religion • Confucianism • Taoism • Zen Buddhism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism Japan • Japan Religion • Shinto • Zen Buddhism
Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women China • Women China History • Women China Social Conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women Japan • Women Japan History

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Selected Web Sources (by Subjects)

Subjects	China	Japan

<p>Fine Arts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts of China Consortium • Asia American Drama • Bibliography of Contemporary Chinese Art • Classic Chinese Paintings • Grove Dictionary of Art • International Dunhuang Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia American Drama • Edo-Tokyo Museum • Grove Dictionary of Art • Japanese American National Museum Collections Online • Japanese Buddhist Statuary (A to Z Photo Dictionary) • Ukiyoe-Gallery
<p>History</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Joint Study of the Sino-Japanese War(1931-1945) • Chinese Business History • China Historical GIS Dataset a database of populated places and historical administrative units for the period of Chinese history between 222 BCE and 1911 CE. • Chinese history during 1840-1949 (in Chinese) The site publishes a large number of academic papers and articles. • Chinese-Western Calendar Converter • International Dunhuang Project • Silk Road Narratives: A Collection of Historical Texts • • Window of Taiwan includes over 40 articles in both English and Chinese introducing the history of Taiwan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Center for the Digitalization of Premodern Japanese Sources • Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire The site features a timeline, a map and images of travel along the Tokaido road, information about characters of the period, and interactive activities • Japanese Historical Text Initiative includes bilingual fill-text Japanese History works like Kojiki ●●●and Nihon Shoki ●●● • Japanese Maps of the Tokugawa Era(1600-1867) • Japanese Old Photographs in Bakumatsu-Meiji Period, Nagasaki University Library • National Diet Library
<p>Language & Literature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Classics & Translations • Chinese Educational Resources Information Centre Project • Chinese Text Initiative provide full text access to Chinese literature and translations. • Index of Chinese Writers includes an index of translators, listing all their works. • • Ming Ching Women's Writings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Authors and Works contains a Japanese author index in both Japanese and English, the writers' brief biographical notes and their main works. • Japanese Historical Text Initiative includes bilingual fill-text Japanese History works like Kojiki ●●●and Nihon Shoki ●●● • Japanese Text Initiative provides full text access to classical Japanese literature. • National Diet Library (in Japanese) • National Institute of Japanese Literature

<p>Politics & Economics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Data Centre (University of Michigan) Part of the data are free. • China's Ethnic Minorities • China Facts and Figures (2001-2006) • China Population Information ●●●●●● • China Vitae information of more than 3000 Chinese leaders in different fields • Country profile. China, Mongolia (U of R only) • National Bureau of Statistics of China ●●●●●●●● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country profile. Japan (U of R only) • Japanese Government (UBC collection) includes overview of the central and local government organization, reports and statistics. • Japanese Government Statistics • JETRO include Japanese Trade and Investment Statistics • Nikkei Resources provide the information of Japanese immigrants.
<p>Religions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BuddhaNet • Buddhist Digital Library & Museum • Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library • Chinese Buddhist Text provides full text access to Buddhist texts in Chinese • Dictionary of Chinese Buddhist Terms • Religious Atlas of China and Himalaya includes information for several thousand religious places in China and the Himalayas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BuddhaNet • Buddhist Digital Library & Museum • Buddhist Scriptures provides full text access to Buddhist texts in Japanese • Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library • Indian & Buddhist Studies • Jinja Honcho-the Association of Shinto Shrines • Journal of Indian and Buddhist Studies (2002-)
<p>Urban Studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Historical Architecture a visual tour of Asian Historical sites with introductions • Cities and Buildings Database • Historical Images of Shanghai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Historical Architecture a visual tour of Asian Historical sites with introductions • Cities and Buildings Database

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Online Language Courses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Reading World provides various extracurricular reading materials suitable for students at different levels • Chinese Pronunciation Guide • Online Chinese Grammar Practices An online course for difficult Chinese grammatical structures • Rutgers Chinese Course Online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Self-Test • Japanese Writing Tutor practice on <i>katakana</i>, <i>hiragana</i>, and <i>kanji</i> • Teach Yourself Japanese the lessons focus more on vocabulary acquisition over grammatical structures. • University of Virginia Online Japanese Practices |
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Teaching Resources

Chinese	Japanese
Chinese Educational Resources Information Centre Project Cities and Buildings Database World Heritage Sites in China a photo gallery of Chinese Scenic beauty and historic sites	Nihongo Web provides copyright free/safe downloadable materials including Japanese proverbs, counters, stroke orders, and readings etc.
Video Lending Library has over 300 feature films and documentaries on China, Japan, and so on. Teachers and students in Canada can borrow for two weeks at no charge. Materials will arrive within one week, but you have to return them by UPS.	Minna no Kyozaï Japanese Language Teaching Resources. You need to register to access. Registration is free.
USC Chinese Language Program is a combination of Chinese reading resources, course designs and character learning aids.	教育用画像素材 provides a collection of photos categorized in education subjects.

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