

Learning Resources

China In Crisis: Tiananmen Square

Exclusive interview between Tom Brokaw and China's State Council Speaker Yuan Mu shortly after the massacre of student protestors, discusses China's interpretation of events.

Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult
19 minutes, order 1-8492-IN

The Chinese Series

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Share a rare, insider's view of China, a nation more than five thousand years old, struggling to blend ancient tradition with modern reality. Journey from the countryside, where ancestral customs and beliefs survive, to Tiananmen Square, where political tensions erupted in apocalyptic violence. Up-to-date appraisals examine prospects for the world's most populous nation.

Reform in Crisis: The Aftermath of Tiananmen

Impact of the reform movement of the 1980s is evaluated along with the growing influence of Western ideas, financing, and technology.

Order 5-4100

Overview of Chinese History

Explores the importance of Imperial rule in Chinese culture past and present.

Order 5-4101

A selection of videos on the social and geographic nature of Pacific Rim countries

The Legacy of Mao Zedong

Assesses the political legacy of Mao.

Order 5-4102

Man and Nature in China

Deals with the special relationship Chinese have with food in a country that often has had less than it needs to survive.

Order 5-4103

Food and Feasting in China

The bleak farms and eating habits of the North and Central China are examined along with the critical role of rivers and irrigation projects.

Order 5-4104

Introduction to Traditional Chinese Beliefs

Role of Communist Party teachings and the central government's control is explored in the context of Buddhist and Daoist traditions.

Order 5-4105

Communist Ideology after Mao

Considers the Cultural Revolution's impact on China and the current reaction to it.

Order 5-4106

Social Control in Chinese Society

Focuses on the legal system, which is largely shaped by past influences.

Order 5-4107

China's Legal System

Explores contemporary attitudes that illustrate the preference for private mediation as the preferred method of conflict resolution.

Order 5-4108

Marriage and the Chinese Family

In the small villages of China, tradition dies hard when it comes to marriage and the family's critical role in the long established rituals associated with the ceremony and the new lives of the young couple.

Order 5-4109

The Status of Women in China

Examines the role of women in China since the changes instituted by the Communist Party takeover in 1949. In particular, the marriage rite and child rearing are scrutinized in the context of Chinese traditions that give societal supremacy to the males.

Order 5-4110

Social Organization in China

To understand the basic social structure of China we examine the family unit and the important role played by the elderly in Chinese society.

Order 5-4111

Welfare and Health Care in China

How such groups make decisions and how the individual willingly accepts such decisions.

Order 5-4112

Sources of Social Conflict in Chinese Society

A neighbourhood mediating committee tries to get an estranged husband and wife to stop divorce proceedings.

Order 5-4113

Conflict Resolution in Contemporary Chinese Society

Examines how the government policy of one-child families is enforced at the neighbourhood level.

Order 5-4114

Peasant Life in China

Examines daily life for China's rural population and its agricultural work, still a highly labor-intensive pursuit.

Order 5-4115

Economic Reform in Rural China

Shows the effects on the peasantry of social and economic changes brought about by communism.

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Industrial Life in China

The industrial life of China is explored.
Order 5-4117

Industrial Reform in Contemporary China

Now the most productive workers reap the larger rewards.
Order 5-4118

Foreign Trade and Economic Development

The Chinese government's new "openness" policy to stimulate economic growth is examined.
Order 5-4119

The Open Door Policy

Joint ventures are transforming communists into entrepreneurs and consumers, and accelerating Western influence.
Order 5-4120

Introduction to Chinese Arts and Literature

Western techniques and Chinese "soul" in artistic expression are explored in the aftermath of the Cultural Revolution.
Order 5-4121

Intellectuals and the State

The tradition of artists motivated from within by an absolute ideal, not by outside forces, has prevailed against the control of the "Cultural Revolution".
Order 5-4122

Traditional Chinese Science

The link between heaven, Earth, and humans, and the concept of "Ying" and "Yang" has greatly influenced how they use the science and technology of the contemporary world.
Order 5-4123

Technological Advances in Contemporary China

Illustrates the new respect for the importance of Western science in a country that seeks its place as a world power.
Order 5-4124

Facing the Future: China Approaches the 21st Century

Analyzes the events at Tiananmen Square, offering thoughts on the probable future awaiting China in the wake of the bloody clash.
Order 5-4125
30 minutes each
Post Secondary - Introductory, Ages 16 to Adult
780 minutes, order 5-41000-IN

The Gate Of Heavenly Peace: Tiananmen Square

An intimate and personal account of the students' pleas for democracy and the tragedy that followed, using still photographs, eyewitness accounts, and news soundtracks to recreate the events surrounding the Chinese democracy movement.
Ages 12 to 14, Ages 15 to 18, Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult
10 minutes, order 7-7000-IN

Japan, The Living Tradition Series

This series examines the pre-modern history and traditional culture of Japan. The programs were produced for high school through adult audiences, and are designed to introduce North Americans to Japanese history and culture which is still tightly woven into the fabric of modern Japanese society.

Dr Edwin O Reischauer says, "These programs offer an understanding of Japan, and its history and culture, which would otherwise take years of study and residence in Japan to acquire. I know of nothing else which so clearly and dramatically conveys a realistic impression of Japan as it has evolved through the years and as it is today."

The programs are an exciting blend of on-location scenes in Japan, stock film and video footage from the Japan Broadcasting Corporation and other Japanese archives, plus film and still photos from American archives. Film and video tape rarely seen in the United States are included in the programs. Dr Reischauer introduces the series.

The Japanese, Part One

Looks at traditional Japanese family living in a suburb of Tokyo. Viewers will identify a number of similarities between the Japanese and themselves as well as very clear differences between the two cultures.
Order 5-1785

The Japanese, Part Two

Shows how Japan's location and its physical & geographical resources have had a marked effect upon the origins and development of its history and culture.
Order 5-1786

Early Japan, Part One

Early Japan is an exploration of the forces that have shaped the Japanese people and their culture from the earliest times. Begins with three of the earliest of Japan's prehistoric periods; Jomon, the Yayoi and the Kofun.
Order 5-1787

Early Japan, Part Two

An important development of the Heian Period (794 to 1184 A.D.) was the control of the powerful Fujiwara family in the Imperial Court, and the spread of Buddhism. A system of writing also grew.
Order 5-1788



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The Feudal Experience, Part One

A feudal nation for nearly 700 years, politically Japan was ruled by a rising class of military men called samurai. Details the political, cultural, social and economic developments. Kamakura and Ashikaga eras.
Order 5-1789

The Feudal Experience, Part Two

Shows how some great military heroes rose out of the common origins to bring success of the third and peaceful stage of feudalism. Explores strategies used to solve problems of military rivals.
Order 5-1790

The Visual Arts, Part One

Considers the development and varied uses of the four materials the Japanese have worked with since ancient times - wood, clay, fibre and metal, focuses on wood which has always been dominant.
Order 5-1791

The Visual Arts, Part Two

Continues with the exploration of clay, fibre and metal and shows how the Japanese live and work with them. A contemporary artist illustrates how their traditional techniques still apply in modern art.
Order 5-1792

Literature

Introduces the literature of pre-modern Japan following the development of poetry and prose forms of Japanese literature including brief commentaries on their history and readings of important works.
Order 5-1793

Literature, Part Two

Takes viewers from the Tokugawa period to modern times discussing the literary forms developed after the 17th century. Explore effects of seclusion, and literary development during modernization period.
Order 5-1794

The Performing Arts, Part One

Discusses early origins of theatre and dance using film clips to show actual performances, interwoven with discussion and narration by an authority on Japanese theatre.
Order 5-1795

The Performing Arts, Part Two

Looks at performing arts, particularly the unique form of puppet theatre called Bunraku, music and dance of kabuki and modern films.
Order 5-1796

Religious Experience, Part One

Introduces the question of what it means to be religious in Japanese society. Discusses three major human needs which religion meets and discusses special religious ceremonies and practices which have developed in Japan.
Order 5-1797

Religious Experience, Part Two

Discusses the major religions - Shinto, Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity. Each is examined through a survey of its origins, function in society and relationship to the other religions of Japan.
Order 5-1798
Ages 16 to Adult
420 minutes, order 5-2226-IN

Japan: The Changing Tradition Series

This series examines modern Japanese history from the first contacts with the West in the 1500s to the 1970s, tracing the emergence of the nation from isolation to its present-day position as a leading economic power. The programs of this series were produced for high school through adult audiences, with the active assistance of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation as well as other Japanese agencies and institutions.

The documentary-style programs include sequences filmed on location in Japan, as well as footage assembled from Japanese and American archives. Much of this material has never before been available to North American viewers. By drawing upon Japanese documentaries, news film, historical dramatizations, and even television commercials, the series is able to present a view of Japan more comprehensive, and yet more intimate, than any previously available.



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The Cross and the Gun

Highlights Japan's first contacts with the West in the 16th century. The Portuguese and other Europeans brought two important things with them, guns and Christianity, the beginning of a great many changes.
Order 5-1799

Revere the Emperor

The signing of a commercial treaty with the U.S. threw Japan into a period of internal political dissension. This program covers 1854-1868. Two slogans characterize the period: Expel the Barbarians, Revere the Emperor.
Order 5-1800

Rich Country, Strong Military

Examines ways in which Japan changed from a feudal state to a major world power during the reign of the Meiji Emperor in the last half of the 19th century. It includes discussion about the constitution of 1889.
Order 5-1801

The Meiji Transformation

Through much of the Meiji Period, 1868-1912, the government was experimenting with reforms and looking to Western models for ideas. It introduced, or struggled with compulsory education, industrialization, and parliamentary government.
Order 5-1802

Men of Action

This program examines the major political and social developments during the Taisho period, 1912 - 1945. During the 1920s the military became restive and the civilian political authority lost power in the face of serious internal problems.
Order 5-1803

The Road to Disaster

After the invasion of Manchuria in 1931, the military slowly took control of the civilian government. This program shows how the continued expansion of the Japanese empire and the reaction of the Chinese led to war in 1937.
Order 5-1804

Rebirth of a Nation

This program discusses the great changes which occurred shortly after the end of World War II. Under General Douglas MacArthur, the American Occupation undertook a wholesale reform of Japan's social, economic and political structure.
Order 5-1805

A Nation Among Equals

During the 60s, Japan's economic growth put it on an equal footing with the world's developed nations, but the boom was not without problems, including political confrontations, crowding, pollution, inflation.
Order 5-1806

Made in Japan

Japan is dependent on the outside world for most of its energy, raw materials and a large part of its food. Its economic success is the result of its greatest asset – creative, hardworking people.
Order 5-1807

The Fragile Economy

Explores some of the problems facing Japan - high inflation rate, increased pressure to provide a more equitable trading system and increasing urban crowding and industrial pollution.
Order 5-1808

Of the People

This program describes the organization and the structure of Japanese democracy, with a look at the major political parties. Examines particularly the Liberal Democratic Party, the most powerful party since 1955.
Order 5-1809

Democracy with a Difference

This program looks at how the primary institutions fit into the Japanese cultural tradition and how they affect the people who work within them.
Order 5-1810

Society and the Individual

Though most Japanese live in urban communities, many of the older social traits continue, even if in modified form. This program describes contemporary Japanese social organization.
Order 5-1811

The Search for Opportunity

Studies the avenues of success available to the Japanese and the barriers that block these avenues to many. Most people achieve their place through education, but many are still discriminated against.
Order 5-1812

The Japanese Style

Japanese life today is a blend of modern mass living and traditional styles. This program looks at people living along the Hankyu commuting lines who are very modern and urban and distinctively Japanese at the same time.
Order 5-1813

Three Families

Takes an intimate look at contemporary life by following the daily routine of three different Japanese families, those of a farmer, a small independent businessman and a middle management worker.
Order 5-1814
30 minutes each
Ages 16 to Adult
minutes, order 5-2227-IN



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The Japanese Way Of Life

Today, Japan has the highest rate of economic growth in the industrialized nations. Workers describe the Japanese work ethic and talk about their feelings of loyalty toward their company. Portrait of a typical Japanese family examines the role of women in Japanese society, outlining obstacles Japanese women face in business.

Also available in Laser Videodisc.

Ages 12-18
25 minutes, order 1-8161-IN

Jing, A Chinese Girl

Examines the daily lives of one family in Hangzhou, a prosperous, coastal city home to over a million people. Follows Jing on her walk to school, through her day and at home with her family. An enlightened view that makes China come alive.

Ages 9 to 11 Ages 12 to 14
18 minutes, order 1-8310-IN

Nippon: The Land & Its People Series

This series of twelve programs is based on the bestselling book of the same title.

The programs are an ideal educational aid to supplement the study of the Japanese language and culture, and also for improving communication with the Japanese. The heart and soul of Japan is reflected by the people, the culture and the environment in these outstanding programs.

The Tradition of Performing Arts in Japan

A variety of Japanese theatre, this program presents the heart of Noh, Bunraku, and the total experience which is Kabuki.

The Japanese Businessman

Using interviews with three generations, this program explores what drives the businessman and the group ethic.

Order 5-2281

The Japanese Family

Domestic life, changing roles, and the pressures of modern society.

The Taste of Japan

Explores the bounty of the sea and land as reflected in food and drink.

Japanese Technology

An examination of a tradition and craftsmanship.

Japanese Society

How social issues affect daily life in Japan.

Customs and Manners in Japan

The relationships between the people are of primary importance in the Japanese society. This enlightening look at the group-oriented culture presents a true insight into the Japanese people's sensitivity to others and its importance to society.

Order 5-4045

The Japanese and Nature

From the celebration of the Season of the Cherry Blossom, to the constant threat of earthquakes and volcanoes, nature plays an important role in Japan's society.

Japan's Corporate System

This brilliant insight into the essence of Japanese management focuses on two distinctly different medium-sized corporations operated with one common attitude - people are the key to success.

Annual Festivities and Ceremonies

Explores the various seasonal festivals and ceremonies of Japan. Highlights some of the many Kami, or gods, including scholarship, rice and tobacco. Explains Japanese beliefs as expressed through ceremonial occasions such as funerals, weddings and Shichi-go-san (Children's Day).

Order 5-4390



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Education in Japan

In Japan, a university degree is essential to someone who wants to "climb the corporate ladder." Through two students, the dreams and aspirations of the youth of Japan are explored.

Order 5-4391

Working Women

While marriage is still the overriding goal of most Japanese women, they are no longer satisfied with their traditional role as housewives. This program examines the lives of three working women and their quest for identity and satisfaction in the workplace.

Order 5-4392

30 minutes each

Ages 15 to 18, Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult
270 minutes, order 5-2270-IN

People And Places: Indonesia

The People And Places Series

Located in the Indian Ocean, Indonesia consists of more than 17,000 islands. This program gives viewers a look at the country's largest islands—Sumatra, Java and Jarkata—and teaches viewers about Indonesia's population and geography, including its volcanic activity. The workings of the country's government and the Islamic religion are discussed, as well as Indonesia's agricultural economy, weather and transportation system. Viewers also learn about Indonesian theater, arts and funeral ceremonies and will visit the Sonde Islands, where the largest reptiles in the world—Komodo dragons—live.

Ages 12-18

22 minutes, order 1-2486-IN

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