Middle School Fiction Novels - China

**Chinese Cinderella** by Adeline Yen Mah
Adeline Yen Mah returns to her roots to paint an authentic portrait of 20th century China as well as tell the story of painful childhood where she and her siblings are subject to their stepmother’s disdain.

- Book Discussion Guide includes summary, discussion questions, and related websites. Multnomah County Public Library (Oregon)
  - Booktalk Nancy Keane
  - Booktalk Random House

**Dragonwings** by Lawrence Yep
In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.

- CyberGuide includes writing and reading activities resulting in a student product. San Diego County Office of Education
- Lesson Plan on figurative language. Community of Writers
- Literature Guide with study questions, vocabulary, book check quizzes, and helpful weblinks.
- Novel Guide with theme openers, cross curricular activities, and research assignments. McDougal Littell
- Study Guide includes pre- and post-reading questions and activities, graphic organizers, assessment instruments, related media links and readings, and reproducible worksheets. Glencoe Literature Library
  - Teacher's Guide HarperCollins

**In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson** by Betty Bao Lord
In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her
love for baseball.

- Book Quiz Charleston County, SC, School District
- CyberGuide includes writing and reading activities resulting in a student product. San Diego County Office of Education
- Extension Activity includes a reader's theater, writing, and research. Scholastic
- Lesson Plan includes sample vocabulary exercises and questions. Progeny Press
- Lesson Plan with Internet activities for before, during, and after reading. Ball State University
- Related Internet Resources Arlington, VA, Public Schools
- Study Guide includes a summary, characters, key ideas, and questions for after reading. National Geographic Book Club

The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean
In thirteenth-century China, after trying to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage, twelve-year-old Haoyou has life-changing adventures when he takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and ends up meeting the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan.

- Booktalk Nancy Keane

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji Li Jiang
Ji-Li’s life begins to unravel during the Cultural Revolution when her family wants her to turn down a chance to be trained by the government as a gymnast.

- Teaching Guide includes general discussion questions and suggestions for reaching across the curriculum. Harper
- Questions by chapter with vocabulary. San Lorenzo Valley, CA Elementary School

Sweet and Sour retold by Carol Kendall and Yao-wen Li
A collection of tales from various periods of Chinese history.

**Activity Master** *Houghton Mifflin*

**Ties That Bind, Ties That Break** by Lensey Namioka

Ailin’s life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.

- **Book Discussion Guide** includes summary, book talk, discussion questions, and related web sites. *Multnomah County Public Library (Oregon)*
- **Booktalk** Nancy Keane
- **Booktalk** Random House
- **Lesson Plan** includes information about the author, book, related titles, activities, puzzles and worksheets, and weblinks for further study. *Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award*
• **Discussion Questions** with extension activities.
• **Lesson Plan** includes book talks and cross curricular ideas. *Young Reader’s Choice Award (Pacific Northwest Library Association)*
• **Lesson Plan** using the guided reading technique. *Deb Smith*
• **Lesson Plan** includes a book summary, activities, and a bibliography. *Maine Association of School Libraries*