

Yeh-Shen

Architecture

In the story *Yeh-Shen*, the king lives in a pavilion or a *pagoda* – a beautiful structure that sometimes served as a religious monument. Pagodas were built in a symmetrical style, and reflected geometric shapes. Design and draw an original pagoda or pavilion similar to one in which the king might have lived. You must try to use geometric shapes in your design.

Use the following resources for your research:

http://www.imperialtours.net/big_goose_pagoda.htm

<http://cnd.org/Scenery/Buildings/Pagoda1.jpg>

Writing

The Chinese use pictograms known as "characters" to write words. Each "character" conveys a meaning. First, research the Chinese way of writing. Then, try to invent your own set of "characters". Include a key for each symbol.

Use the following resources for your research:

<http://logos.uoregon.edu/explore/orthography/chinese.html>

<http://www.zhongwen.com/shufa/>

http://www.thinkquest.org/library/lib/site_sum_outside.html?tname=3614&cid=2&url=3614/

Celebrations and Holidays

In the story *Yeh-Shen*, the villagers are invited to a festival given by the king. Investigate other holidays and festivals celebrated in China. Research the types of entertainment that would be featured at the different festivals and present examples to the class.

Use the following resources for your research:

http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/Around_the_World/Countries/China/Cultures_and_Traditions/Holidays/

<http://www.c-c-c.org/chineseculture/festival/festival.html>

http://www.internet-at-work.com/hos_mcgrane/holidays/festivals_menu.html