ASIAN ART
ONLINE RESOURCES and REFERENCES

A. By Institution

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
http://www.mfa.org/collections/asia

Asia for Educators (Columbia University)
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/index.html#
An initiative of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University, Asia for Educators (AFE) is designed to serve faculty and students in world history, culture, geography, art, and literature at the undergraduate and pre-college levels.

Online Museum Resources on Asian Art
http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi
A project of Asia for Educators, this site is a compilation of online museum resources from around the globe. This site can be easily navigated by searching by subject area, time period, or region or clicking on links to more information on the religions in Asia. Organized by religion, topics, time period, art subject area, country, and more.

Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Met’s Teacher Resources has links to over a hundred scholarly, concise thematic essays on Asian art. Scroll through the essays to find subjects that are very relevant to the MFA’s collections of Korean, Japanese, Indian, and Chinese art: http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=Asia
And Islamic Art:
http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=Islamic

Asia Society
http://www.asiasocietymuseum.org/
For information that is well organized by time and medium, on the arts of China, Japan, Korea, and India use this highly accessible web site.

Asian Art Museum
http://education.asianart.org/
A wealth of information and resources, including artwork, videos, background information.
In addition, the Asian Art Museum has many audio and video files available for download through iTunesU:  

Visualizing Cultures, MIT  
Rich, topical units on modern Japan and early modern China, explored through image-driven scholarship by top Asian historians and art historians. Includes written essays, visual narratives, image databases, video and more.

B. By Theme

General Reference  
http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi

Timelines  
China, India, Japan and Korea:  
http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/main_pop/related/timelines.htm

Organized according to the time periods of the National Standards in World History and the College Board, these documents highlight major developments, themes, and key points that educators may wish to focus upon in courses on Korea, Japan, China, and Vietnam:  

Islamic World:  
For a timeline of Islamic History divided into faith, politics, culture, and innovation, use the following from the PBS Empire of Faith film series: http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/timeline.html

Glossary  
Buddhist Art:  
http://www.buddhanet.net/e-learning/history/glossary_ae.htm

Islamic Art:  
http://www.islamic-art.org/glossary/glossary.asp

Chinese Art:  
http://www.artic.edu/taoism/glossary.php

Porcelain (Chinese& Japanese):  
http://www.gotheborg.com/glossary/

Religious Traditions
See the following four links for a concise overview of the three dominant philosophies/religions in China:
Daoism: [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/ort/daoism.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/ort/daoism.htm)
Buddhism: [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/ort/buddhism.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/ort/buddhism.htm)

For additional information on these religions see the related links in the green box on this page titled “Institutional Religion: The Three Teachings” [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/main/links.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/main/links.htm)

Buddhism & Shintoism in Japan:

**Thematic Essay collection of Asian Art from Metropolitan Museum of Art**

Islamic World: [http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=Islamic](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=Islamic)

**C. By Country**

**South Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Himalayas, etc.)**
- MFA Collection Tour: South Asian art: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4817](http://www.mfa.org/node/4817)
- Timeline for South Asia: [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/timelines/southasia_timeline.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/timelines/southasia_timeline.htm)
- Online museum resources for south Asia: [http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi/country?country_id=5](http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi/country?country_id=5)

**Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, etc.)**
- MFA Collection Tour: Southeast Asian art: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4111](http://www.mfa.org/node/4111)
- Online museum resources for Vietnam/Southeast Asia: [http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country_id=4](http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country_id=4)

**China**
- MFA Collection Tour: Chinese Master Paintings: [http://www.mfa.org/node/1257](http://www.mfa.org/node/1257)
- Timeline for China: [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/timelines/china_timeline.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/timelines/china_timeline.htm)
- Online museum resources for China: [http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country_id=1](http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country_id=1)
- Buddhism: [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/ort/buddhism.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/ort/buddhism.htm)
- Maps [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/china.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/china.html)

**Korea**
- MFA Collection Tour: Korean Art: [http://www.mfa.org/node/3976](http://www.mfa.org/node/3976)
- Timeline for Korea: [http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/timelines/korea_timeline.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/timelines/korea_timeline.htm)
- Online museum resources for Korea: [http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country_id=3](http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country_id=3)

**Japan**
- MFA Collection Tour: Morse Collection: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4508](http://www.mfa.org/node/4508)
- MFA Collection Tour: Japanese Paintings: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4311](http://www.mfa.org/node/4311)
- MFA Collection Tour: Japanese Prints: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4114](http://www.mfa.org/node/4114)
- MFA Collection Tour: Meiji-era Photography: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4611](http://www.mfa.org/node/4611)
- MFA Collection Tour: Japanese Arms and Armor: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4318](http://www.mfa.org/node/4318)
- Online museum resources for Japan: [http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country?country_id=2](http://afemuseums.easia.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/museums/search.cgi?country?country_id=2)
- Shinto: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/shinto/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/shinto/)

**Islamic world**

- MFA Collection Tour: Islamic Art: [http://www.mfa.org/node/4467](http://www.mfa.org/node/4467)
- Islamic timeline: [http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/timeline.html](http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/timeline.html)
- Islamic art glossary: [http://www.islamic-art.org/glossary/glossary.asp](http://www.islamic-art.org/glossary/glossary.asp)
- Thematic essays for Islamic art: [http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=Islamic](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?i=Islamic)
- Maps [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map_sites/hist_sites.html#mideast](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map_sites/hist_sites.html#mideast)
- Islam: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/)

**References for online resource evaluation**

[http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/web-eval-sites.htm](http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/web-eval-sites.htm)
[http://www.spat.pitt.edu/](http://www.spat.pitt.edu/)
[http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html)