

CHINESE EXERCISES

A – exercises

1. Look at a map of the world. Where is China?
2. How many inhabitants does China have today?
3. How many languages are spoken in China?
4. What does the information tell you about the languages that are spoken in China?
5. China was ruled by dynasties for many centuries. What are dynasties? What are feudal states?
6. Who governs China today?
7. Who was Mao Ze Dong? What did he do?
8. What ethnic minorities can we find in China? How are they treated?
9. Make as a group a collage of Chinese art forms.
10. What are the three most important religions in China? Mention some characteristics of each. How important are these religions today?
11. How did the earth come into existence according to the Chinese creation myth?
12. What is Yin and Yang? Why can one not exist without the other?
13. Why is the dragon so important in Chinese culture? Where do find the dragon and what does the dragon stand for?
14. What similarities do you see between the Chinese creation myth and those of other cultures?

B- exercises

Look at a few websites that deal with this culture and choose one or two that have images, sounds or text that you think are useful for preparing your presentation. Make a summary or a sketch of the Chinese creation myth on a piece of flip chart paper. As much as possible, try to use the illustrations and images you found on the internet.

Choose one of the following exercises:

1. Create a dance performance or an opera about the Chinese creation myth. Try to find music that goes well with your performance.

or

2. Make a poster of Pan-gu or Nuwa in Chinese style. During your presentation show what the importance is of the character who created the earth.

C- exercises

What similarities do you see between the Chinese creation myth and those of other cultures that you know?

