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Title of Lesson	The Mogao Caves & the Transmission of Buddhist Principles
Grade	Sixth Grade Spanish Dual Language Immersion
Length of Lesson	5 days
Prior Knowledge: Information About the Mogao Caves	The Mogao Caves, also known as the Thousand Buddha Grottoes or Caves of the Thousand Buddhas, form a system of 492 temples 25 km southeast of the center of Dunhuang, an oasis strategically located at a religious and cultural crossroads on the Silk Road, in Gansu province, China. The caves may also be known as the Dunhuang Caves, however, this term is also used as a collective term to include other Buddhist cave sites in and around the Dunhuang area, such as the Western Thousand Buddha Caves, Eastern Thousand Buddha Caves, Yulin Caves, and Five Temple Caves. The caves contain some of the finest examples of Buddhist art
	spanning a period of 1,000 years. The first caves were dug out in 366 AD as places of Buddhist meditation and worship. The Mogao

	Caves are the best known of the Chinese Buddhist grottoes and, along with Longmen Grottoes and Yungang Grottoes, are one of the three famous ancient Buddhist sculptural sites of China. By the Sui and Tang dynasties, Mogao Caves had become a place of worship and pilgrimage for the public. From the 4th until the 14th century, caves were constructed by monks to serve as shrines with funds from donors. These caves were elaborately painted, the cave paintings and architecture serving as aids to meditation, as visual representations of the quest for enlightenment, as mnemonic devices, and as teaching tools to inform those illiterate about Buddhist beliefs and stories. The major caves were sponsored by patrons such as important clergy, local ruling elite, foreign dignitaries, as well as Chingao amparate
	as well as Chinese emperors.
Overview	Students will learn about the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, China, and how they were used to transmit Buddhist and historical principles, specifically throughout the Silk Road.
	Students will also learn that throughout human history, human beings have used caves for religious, spiritual, and for shelter purposes (amongst other specific

	purposes).
Objectives	 Students will be able to describe how the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, China, were used to transmit Buddhist principles. Students will be able to research other civilizations and peoples who have used caves to transmit ideas or for religious/spiritual purposes.
California State Social Studies Sixth Grade Standards	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of China.
Common Core Sixth Grade English Language Arts Standard: Writing	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
Materials	 Book: <i>Ming's Adventure in the Mogao Caves</i> by Li Juan A large box Clay or playdough Sharpie markers of all colors Tempera paint Construction paper of all

	colors
	Lined paper
	Pencils
	Informational text graphic organizers
	Writing journals
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Video and Website Resources	UNESCO Mogao Caves Video:
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= R29A0GyLYIE
	Mogao Caves: Getty Conservation Institute Video:
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Owy3GhtXAvY
	New China TV Video (Mogao Caves):
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= JxwkwtFUqg4
	San Francisco Asian Art Museum- Overview on Buddhism
	https://youtu.be/bj7VMsfqCWc

	CGTN: Dunhuang and the Mogao Caves <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=</u> <u>Sb0FaBfzRxg</u>
	San Francisco Asian Art Museum Video on the Dunhuang Caves: <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/hum</u> <u>anities/art-asia/imperial-china/tang- dynasty/v/chinese-buddhist-cave-sh</u> <u>rines</u>
	Panoramic and 360 degree videos and views of the caves: <u>https://www.e-dunhuang.com/index.</u> <u>htm</u>
Essential Questions	How were the Mogao Caves used in China to transmit Buddhist beliefs and principles along the Silk Road? What is the origin of Buddhism and what are its main principles? How were the Mogao Caves used for Buddhist meditation?
	How have caves been used across human history to transmit ideas and/or principles? What other civilization or peoples have used caves for spiritual or religious

	purposes?
Anticipatory Set	Teacher will lead students in a meditation practice (teacher is a certified mindfulness and meditation teacher, and therefore the students are exposed to a daily class meditation practice).
	Teacher will read the book <i>Ming's</i> <i>Adventure in the Mogao Caves</i> by Li Juan, outloud to the students.
Direct Instruction	Teacher will present videos and pictures of the Mogao Caves to build a visual background knowledge in the students (students will have already received in depth instruction on the origins of Buddhism and its main principles).
Example of a pictorial:	Teacher will guide the students in doing a whole class PROJECT GLAD pictorial on the Mogao Caves and Buddhist principles and practices.
Construction of the second of	The teacher will create the pictorial on a very large piece of butcher paper, and the students will have their own smaller versions (on smaller pieces of construction paper) that they will create at the same time. The teacher will draw and explain, on a self-drawn map of China, how the caves were used to spread Buddhist beliefs, as well as the history of the caves. The teacher will highlight and write, on

	the pictorial, the academic vocabulary necessary to understand the content. The PROJECT GLAD pictorial is one of the most effective methods of teaching academic vocabulary and content in dual language classrooms. Academic Vocabulary for Pictorial: 1. Mogao Caves 2. Buddhism 3. Dunhuang 4. meditation 5. China 6. Han Dynasty 7. Emperor Wu Di 8. Silk Road 9. Library Cave 10. manuscripts 11. frescoes 12. Bodhisattvas 13. UNESCO World Heritage Site 14. Tang Dynasty 15. grottoes
Guided Practice	Teacher will guide the students in the whole-class reading of the Khan Academy text: Mogao caves at Dunhuang. Students will take Cornell Notes as they read the text with the teacher. The students will highlight each section of the text, identifying the main idea (yellow)

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	and the details (orange).
	Teacher will also guide the students in creating a word bank, where they will write and highlight important vocabulary and unknown words, to be used as vocabulary instruction at a later time.
	After reading each section, students will participate in a think-pair-share with their partners, where they will take turns explaining their understanding of that particular section of the text.
Independent Practice	Students will write a 5-paragraph, evidence-based (through the use of informational text) essay on the Mogao Caves and how they were used to transmit Buddhist principles and practices. Teacher will guide students on the usage of informational text writing strategies through the Writer's Workshop model. Teacher will model, through mini-lessons, how to incorporate the important information about the Mogao Caves into their writing.
Art Integration	Students will create their own cave out of clay, a shoe box, and any materials that they wish to add to their cave. They will design the caves themselves and will essentially create their own miniature version of a meditation cave. When they design the cave,

	 they must visually answer these questions: 1. If you could design your own meditation cave, how would you design it? What messages would you want depicted and illustrated on the walls?
	2. What would you place inside of the cave? Why?
	After the students are finished designing their own individual caves, they will present their caves to the class in a 5-minute oral language presentation.
	After the presentations, the students will participate in a gallery walk, where they will visually view each other's projects around the room. Parents will be invited to the project gallery walk as well. Projects will also be displayed at Open House.
Game	Teacher will create an online Jeopardy games on the Mogao Caves and Dunhuang using: https://jeopardylabs.com/build/
	Students will be able to review concepts and terms by playing the game in groups and/or as a whole class.

	Link to Jeopardy game: https://docs.google.com/presentatio n/d/1qxyJf2AUepchTHUdTiCLt3BQI adS0TyDPCNb48zZocl/edit?usp=s haring
Assessment	Teacher will have students take a quick assessment on the text information and vocabulary terms on QUIZLET.
Group Project & Closure of Lesson	Teacher will place students into groups. Students will research the usage of caves around the world and will choose one civilization or group of people in order to create a presentation on Google Slides. Students will describe why the caves were used (purpose), by what people/s, where the cave/s are located, and how the cave/s reveal history about where the cave/s are located. After the groups have completed their research and their projects, they will present them to the class in a 5 minute oral language presentation. By the end of the presentation, all students will have added their slides to a collective Google Slides document that will be used for review and practice by the teacher and the students. Some cave usages across history include (but are not limited to):

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The Mogao Caves & the Transmission of Buddhist Principles



Summer 2018: Angela Palmieri Fulbright Hays Group Project Abroad

5-7 day lesson unit



6th grade Spanish dual language immersion in a TK-6th grade elementary school setting

Separation of Content Areas By Language

Spanish: Science, Social Studies, and Spanish Language Arts

Ancient China Ancient Rome Mesoamerica

Ancient India Ancient Greece First Peoples

Ancient Egypt Ancient Israel

English: Math, English Language Arts, P.E. Arts



My School and My Students

- -John Muir Elementary School in Glendale, California
- -Founded in 2011 (Palmieri, Escobar), 12 teachers
- -Spanish dual language immersion program in an English-only school
- -400+ students in the TK-6th grade dual language program
- -50% of the students are Latino, Spanish-speakers
- -50% are English-speakers from diverse backgrounds



Lesson Overview

Students will:



Iearn about the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, China, and how they were used to transmit Buddhist and historical principles, specifically throughout the Silk Road.

Iearn that throughout human history, human beings have used caves for religious, spiritual, and for shelter purposes (amongst other specific purposes).

Essential Questions

- How were the Mogao Caves used in China to transmit Buddhist beliefs and principles along the Silk Road?
- □ What is the origin of Buddhism and what are its main principles?

- □ How were the Mogao Caves used for Buddhist meditation?
- How have caves been used across human history to transmit ideas and/or principles? What other civilization or peoples have used caves for spiritual or religious purposes?

Lesson Objectives

Students will be able to describe how the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, China, were used to transmit Buddhist principles, as measured by a 5-paragraph informational, evidence-based essay.

Students will be able to research other civilizations and peoples who have used caves to transmit ideas or for religious/spiritual purposes, as measured by a group Google Slides research presentation.

Explicit Breakdown of Concepts and Vocabulary

- -English Language Learners
- -Newcomer students
- -Second language acquisition
- -Middle school and high school students in need of academic remediation
- -Explicit academic vocabulary instruction
- -Explicit reading and writing instruction
- -Chunking of texts for comprehension

California State Social Studies Sixth Grade Standards

Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of China.



Common Core English Language Arts Sixth Grade Standard: Writing

- Write informative/explanatory texts to examine
- and convey complex ideas and information clearly
- and accurately through the effective
- selection, organization, and analysis of content.



Materials

Book: Ming's Adventure in the Mogao Caves by Li Juan

A large box Videos and pictures (sent in lesson plan)

- Clay or playdough
- Sharpie markers of all colors
- Tempera paint
- Construction paper of all colors
- Lined paper or writing journals

Pencils Informational text graphic organizers

Khan Academy Website Text



Anticipatory Set: Day 1

- Teacher will lead students in a meditation practice (teacher is a certified mindfulness and meditation teacher, and therefore the students are exposed to a daily class meditation practice). Brief refresher discussion about meditation and Buddhism.
- Teacher will read the book Ming's Adventure in Mag's Adventure in Mag's Adventure in Mag's Adventure in the Mogae Caves Caves by Li Juan, outloud to the students.



Direct Instruction: Day 1

Teacher will present videos and pictures of the Mogao Caves to build a visual background knowledge in the students (students will have already received in depth instruction on the origins of Buddhism and its main principles).



Click here for: <u>Khan Academy Video Link</u>

PROJECT GLAD Pictorial & Academic Vocabulary Development: Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, Day 5, Day 6, Day 7

- Teacher will guide the students in doing a whole class PROJECT GLAD pictorial on the Mogao Caves and Buddhist principles and practices. The teacher will create the pictorial on a very large piece of butcher paper, and the students will have their own smaller versions (on smaller pieces of construction paper) that they will create at the same time.
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Example #3

Academic Vocabulary for Pictorial

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- 2. Buddhism
- 3. Dunhuang
- 4. meditation
- 5. China
- 6. Han Dynasty
- 7. Emperor Wu Di
- 8. Silk Road
- 9. Library Cave
- 10. manuscripts
- 11. frescoes
- 12. Bodhisattvas
- 13. UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 14. Tang Dynasty
- 15. grottoes



Guided Practice: Day 3

 Teacher will guide the students in the whole-class reading of the Khan Academy text: Mogao caves at Dunhuang.

• The students will highlight each section of the text, identifying the main idea (yellow) and the details (orange). Students will complete a graphic organizer in order to organize the information from the text in sections.

• After reading each section, students will participate in a think-pair-share with their partners, where they will take turns explaining their understanding of that particular section of the text.

Examples of Graphic Organizers



Example # 1

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Independent Practice: Day 4, Day 5, Day 6, Day 7

Students will write a 5-paragraph informational and evidence-based essay on the Mogao Caves and how they were used to transmit Buddhist principles and practices.

Teacher will guide students on the usage of informational text writing strategies through the Writer's Workshop model. Teacher will model, through mini-lessons, how to incorporate the important information about the Mogao Caves into their writing.

Art Integration (Days 1-7)

Students will create their own cave out of clay, a shoe box, and any materials that they wish to add to their cave. They will design the caves themselves and will essentially create their own miniature version of a meditation cave. When they design the cave, they must visually answer these questions:

- If you could design your own meditation cave, how would you design it? What messages would you want depicted and illustrated on the walls?
- □ What would you place inside of the cave? Why?
- After the students are finished designing their own individual caves, they will present their caves to the class in a 5-minute oral language presentation.

After the students design their own caves, the entire class will participate in a gallery walk in order for the students to view the projects collectively with their parents during Open House.

Informal Assessment: Jeopardy Group Game- Day 6 & 7

Teacher will play a Mogao Caves Jeopardy game (created by the teacher) with the students, who will be in groups of 4.



Group Project & Closure of Lesson- Day 5, Day 6, Day 7

Teacher will place students into groups. Students will research the usage of caves around the world and will choose one civilization or group of people in order to create a presentation on Google Slides.

Students will describe why the caves were used (purpose), by what people/s, where the cave/s are located, and how the cave/s reveal history about where the cave/s are located. After the groups have completed their research and their projects, they will present them to the class in a 5 minute oral language presentation. By the end of the lesson closure, all of the groups will have created a collective Google Slides presentation on the usage of caves throughout history.



Fulbright Hays Group Project Abroad in China: Step by Step Guide to Lesson Presentation



Step 1: The Text

Access the Khan Academy text on the Mogao Caves.

https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-asia/i mperial-china/tang-dynasty/a/mogao-caves-at-dun huang

Review the Text- Text Walk

- Visually review the text
- Read section titles
- Review graphic organizer, which gives a sense of the organization of the text
- Prepare for color coding (pencil, yellow and orange highlighters)
- Prepare a whole-class reading system to read text
- Attempt a random selection of student reading, rather than a linear reading method

Step 2: Use of Graphic Organizer Introduction: The Mogao Caves Section #1: Section #2: Section #3: Section #4: Changes in An archive A thousand Images of the belief rediscovered years of art Caves

Conclusion: The Backstory

Step 3: Word Bank

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While you are reading, write down important, difficult, or unknown words in a word bank. These words will be used for extensive vocabulary activities. Highlight the words as you read them.



Step 4: Highlighting the Text

- □ The main idea of each section will be highlighted in **yellow.**
- For every main idea, students will find three details that support the main idea in the section. The details will be highlighted in orange.

For example:

Section #1: The Mogao Caves

Main Idea:

The 'Caves of the Thousand Buddhas' (Qianfodong), also known as Mogao, are a magnificent treasure trove of Buddhist art.

Detail #1: They are located in the desert, about 15 miles south-east of the town of Dunhuang in north western China.

Detail #2: By the late fourth century, the area had become a busy desert crossroads on the caravan routes of the Silk Road linking China and the West.

Detail #3: Traders, pilgrims and other travellers stopped at the oasis town to secure provisions, pray for the journey ahead or give thanks for their survival.

Step 5: Think-Pair-Share for Every Section

for 30 seconds

for 1 minute

during class

before class

Ask students to respond to a question independently.

with pen and paper

or a laptop

in writing

as you doodle

turn to your neighbor

walk across the room

group size = 2

group size = 3 or 4



come to consensus

agree to disagree

explain your reasoning

share your opinion

with another group verbally

with the whole class

in writing



Ask students to share their work with the class.

via polling software via whiteboard class discussion

time for telling

Step 6: Jeopardy Game

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qxyJf2AUepchTHUdTiCLt3BQIadS0Ty DPCNb48zZocl/edit?usp=sharing



Four groups of 4

Take turns answering the questions

One score keeper

Each group has a name

Quiz-like game

Xie Xie! Muchas gracias!



