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Exploring Ethnic Diversity in China

Lesson Plan: Students will explore a number of the 56 ethnic groups living in China individually and then choose one group to make a short class presentation (2-3 minutes) on noting interesting points, some history of the ethnic group and the geography of the group.

Students will be given 20-25 minutes to complete the worksheet corresponding to the webpage <http://www.ibiblio.org/chinesehistory/contents/02cul/c06s01.html> guiding them to learn ethnic group generalizations.

Students will take turns giving a deeper presentation on a specific ethnic group of their choice either individually or in a group of 2 (20-30 minutes).

Level: Chinese I or Chinese II. This lesson plan would also suffice for High School World History or Geography.

Objectives: Students will learn that China is very diverse. Students will be able to name a number of minority ethnic groups in China. Students will be able to generalize locations of various groups within China. Students will recognize the diversity of languages, dress, customs, traditions and some minor history.

Time Period: 50 minutes in total; half of a block period.

Materials: Worksheet, Pencil / Pen, access to webpage (computer lab) or a printout of the webpage.

Assessment: Worksheet will be graded. Student presentation will also be graded in class formatively. A quiz on the general knowledge of Chinese Minority Nationalities (ethnic groups) will be given two days later.