

THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER



Fall 2023 National Online Program

TEACHING NATURAL SCIENCES THROUGH PICTURE BOOKS Part 1: China and Taiwan

October 5 to November 30, 2023

A Professional Development Program for K-8 Teachers

This program is aimed at elementary teachers and middle school teachers interested in integrating picture books into science and/or social studies instruction. The course will focus on the teaching of the natural sciences and the cultures of China and Taiwan. The three books featured address specific standards in life science, earth science, and social studies. By using these picture books that deliver the content with accuracy, teachers will help students gain literacy and visual skills as they read and examine the materials.

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Course Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through three asynchronous online modules, each consisting of pertinent readings on history, culture, and science resources, and a participant discussion forum on content and pedagogy. The course starts October 5 with online introductions. The first module will begin October 12, and the final module will conclude on November 30. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due December 15, 2023.

Eligibility and Selection: Elementary and middle school teachers using picture books are invited to apply. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to teachers who can incorporate the books into their classroom teaching. Enrollment is limited to 25 teachers; applications close October 1, 2023, or when full.

Diversify your classroom readings and teach important natural science concepts through these three books!

Participation is free, with the following benefits and expectations:

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- Access to materials online or via download;
 - A copy of the three picture books
- Discussion with China studies specialist and fellow educators;
- \$45 award to cover the cost of the books upon course completion;
- \$75 completion award and certificate of completion for 20 hours.

Apply online at https://tinyurl.com/TEAcourseregistration

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