Engage your students with the history and culture of ancient East Asia by introducing them to the Newbery Award winning book “A Single Shard” by Linda Sue Park with help from the Nam Center & UMMA!

Receive a classroom set of this award winning YA novel for your school to keep and read year after year! As they follow the adventures of Tree-Ear, students will learn about the famed celadon ceramics that put Korea on the Silk Road trading map in Asia and about 13th century Korean society.

Borrow the “A Single Shard” Companion Korea Kit from the Nam Center, a treasure box of books, pictures, and artifacts for your students to explore to help dive into the world of the novel. Enjoy examining objects related to the culture and history of 13th century Korea.

Use the bus allowance to visit the University of Michigan Museum of Art and reinforce students’ learning. The class will take part in a custom designed docent tour of the Museum’s celadon collection, incorporating material from the book.

Participate in a hands-on ceramics demonstration at the museum, so that your students can experience the challenges of working with clay. They will learn about the famed inlay technique that forms a pivotal plot twist in the book and make their own tile with a Korean inspired motif from a local ceramics demonstrator.

To encourage applications from the entire state of Michigan, we have also introduced the possibility to have a virtual tour as well as a virtual ceramic tile demonstration, so your class can benefit from the opportunity even if your school is too far for a one-day field trip. Don’t let distance be a barrier!

All four components of this program are awarded annually as a single package to Michigan-area educators on a competitive basis. More than one grant may be awarded per year, depending on interest. Contact outreachkorea@umich.edu or 734.647.9857 to request an application or for more information.