The ancient culture of Korea comes alive from a Single Shard

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 and University of Michigan Museum of Art.

1. Books
Receive a classroom set of the book “A Single Shard” 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 ceramic that put Korea on the Silk Road trading map in Asia, and 13th century Korean society.

2. Korea Kit
Borrow the companion Korea Kit for a treasure box of books, pictures, and artifacts for your students to explore and dive into the world of the novel. Enjoy examining objects related to the culture and history of 13th century Korea.

3. Field Trip
Use the bus allowance to visit the University of Michigan Museum of Art to 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.

4. Shipwreck Dig
In this interactive activity, students will work in teams to excavate model shipwrecks, putting together clues to track the ancient trading routes of celadon.

All four components of this program are awarded annually as a single package to Michigan-area educators on a competitive basis. Multiple grants may be available each year depending on interests and funding. Schools must be within 1.5 hours driving distance from U-M Ann Arbor. Please contact outreachkorea@umich.edu or 734.764.1825 for more information.