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 with take part in a custom designed docent tour of the Museum’s celadon collection, incorporating material from the book.

4. Ceramic Tiles

Participate in a hands-on ceramics demonstration at the museum, so 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.

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. Please contact klancina@umich.edu or 734.647.9857 to request an application or for more information.

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