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Chinese Culture Activities

Task: To learn about Chinese beliefs and practices. Travel to each station to experience Chinese culture.

Directions: Follow the directions for each section below.

Station 1-Chinese New Year: Read the information about the Chinese New Year's festival. Answer the questions that follow.

- 1) When does the Chinese New Year begin?

- 2) What do the Chinese do 10 days before the New Year? Why?

- 3) What is the purpose of the fireworks?

- 4) Why do the children receive the red envelopes?

Station 2- Traditional Family: Read the information about The Family in traditional China and answer the questions that follow.

- 1) The Chinese believe in mutual responsibility. What did they believe was each individual's responsibility?

- 2) Who lived in Chinese households?

3) What three things did the father control in the family?

- a.
- b.
- c.

4) What was filial piety?

Station 3-Chinese Zodiac: Study the pages about the Chinese Zodiac. Find the year of your birth. Answer the questions that follow.

1) What year were you born?

2) What is your Zodiac sign?

3) What are the character traits of your sign?

4) Do any of these traits describe your true character traits? If so which?

Station 4- Role of Women in China: Read the information about the Traditional Role of Women and answer the questions that follow.

1) What was the wife of the eldest male responsible for?

2) Who are women expected to obey in youth? Middle age? Old age?

3) Why did families prize baby boys more than baby girls?

4) What happened to baby girls during times of famine?

5) What is a dowry? What was it used for?

Station 5-Chinese Language:

1) Study the page of ideograph symbols. Choose two symbols and draw in the space below.

Symbol		
Meaning		

2) Study the page about Chinese language. Find the Chinese pronunciation of these English words and write them below. Practice saying the phrases.

Please:

Thank you:

Hello:

Yes:

No:

Good-bye:

Station 6- Chinese Family Size: Read the information about the Chinese family and answer the questions that follow.

1) What two measures has the government used to control population growth?

2) What two methods does the government use to enforce the one-child-per-family policy? Give examples for each.

3) Why do families in cities follow the policy?

4) Why don't families in rural areas follow the policy?

Station 7: Chinese Name: Find a Chinese name using the following website:

<http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>

Fill in the Chart below after you enter your given name (First), Family name (last), choose your name essence, gender, and birthday.

	Sur Name (First character)	Given Name (Middle Character)	Given Name (Last character)
Draw Chinese symbol			
Write name			
Meaning			