Summer Reading Suggestions: Chinese Studies

History

Textbooks for 1st year Chinese History and Civilisation course:


Other books and websites:


Note especially
Peter C. Perdue, Rise and Fall of the Canton Trade System
Lillian M. Li, The Garden of Perfect Brightness
Peter C. Perdue, The First Opium War
Kathryn Edgerton Tarpley, Pictures to Draw Tears from Iron: the North China Famine of 1876-1879
Jeffrey Wasserstrom & Rebecca Nedostup, Shanghai’s Lens on the New(s): Dianshizhai Pictorial (1884-1898)
John A. Crespi, China’s Modern Sketch

Politics and News:

NYT Sinosphere http://sinosphere.blogs.nytimes.com/
Up-to-date commentary and analysis

Reuters News Agency http://www.reuters.com/places/china
All-round news source for China, especially for business, economics and politics. The articles headed “Insight” are particularly useful.

China File http://www.chinafile.com
Online magazine run by the Center for US-China Relations and the Asia Society, edited by Orville Schell, big-name analysts. Also includes good links to other major China stories on the web.

China Policy Institute Blog http://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/chinapolicyinstitute/
Hosted by the University of Nottingham but with external contributions, great source of commentary and analysis.

Tea Leaf Nation http://www.tealeafnation.com/
Accessible online magazine, lacks the insight of other media outlets.


Classical Literature and Philosophy


Modern Literature


Hu Fayun. Such is This World@sars.come. Dobbs Ferry: Ragged Banner Press, 2011.


Film


Jia Zhangke, Still Life, 2006

Lu Chuan, City of Life and Death, 2009.


In the Mood for Love, 2000.
Edward Yang, Yiyi: A One and a Two, 2000.

Biographies and Memoirs
Liang Heng, Son of the Revolution, 1983. (Any edition)

People's Lives