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 & Rebecce Nedostup, *Shanghai’s Lens on the New(s): Dianshizhai Pictorial (1884–1898)*
John A. Crespi, *China’s Modern Sketch*

Politics and News:

South China Morning Post  www.scmp.com
The best English language newspaper on China.

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.

Hosted by the University of Nottingham but with external contributions, great source of commentary and analysis.

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.


**Biographies and Memoirs**


**People's Lives**


