



Drought / Flooding

- ◆ What is the difference between a drought and a flood?
- ◆ Discuss floods that have happened in Minnesota.
- ◆ Read *River Friendly, River Wild* by Jane Kurtz

China

- ◆ Locate China on the map.
- ◆ List everything you think of when you think of China.
- ◆ Try to pinpoint where the village would have been located in China.
- ◆ Cook up rice for the class and try eating with chopsticks.
- ◆ Create your own Chinese character. (Like the one on each page of the book).

Animals / Birds / Fish

- ◆ Research snakes, cranes, finches, goats, wild boar, fish, clams, foxes, birds, and bears.
- ◆ Do animals really speak?
- ◆ Do they have their own language?

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Stone Statues

- ◆ Make your own stone statue and write a story to go along with it.
- ◆ Discuss statues you have seen, where they were located, and their significance.
- ◆ Do you think Hai Li Bu did the right thing in the end?

Dragon King / Treasures

- ◆ Draw your own idea of how the Dragon King should look.
- ◆ Write about a time you had to keep a secret.
- ◆ If you could be granted one wish, what would it be?
- ◆ Create a jeweled treasure of your own.

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Activities/Topics
Targeted for
Grades 3-4