



ABOUT Day of the Dragon King

Jack and Annie set off to find an original copy of an ancient Chinese myth. Armed only with their magic library cards, they must take on a book-burning emperor. But with the help of a scholar and a silk weaver, they triumph again.

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Chinese Clay Play

Jack and Annie are amazed to find 7,000 life-size clay figures of soldiers in the Dragon King's burial tomb, each with a different face. Based on the descriptions provided in the story, involve students in a Chinese Burial Tomb class project in which each fashions an army figure from self-hardening clay. Feature details may be added with Popsicle sticks, forks, toothpicks, etc. Dried figures may then be painted and assembled in a display.

CURRICULUM: History • Arts

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