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[“U.S. Relations With China.”](#)

A detailed timeline of pivotal moments in U.S.-China relations.
Eleanor Albert, “The China-North Korea Relationship.” A brief backgrounder on the China-North Korea relationship. (1,800 words)

Eleanor Albert, [“China-Taiwan Relations.”](#)

An accessible introduction to the main issues pertaining to Taiwan’s relationship with China. (2,600 words)

Eleanor Albert, [“Democracy in Hong Kong.”](#)

An explainer of Hong Kong’s political status and the ongoing protests. (1,900 words)

Andrew Chatzky and James McBride, [“China’s Massive Belt and Road Initiative.”](#)

A summary of the Belt and Road Initiative. (2,500 words)

Lindsay Maizland, [“China’s Crackdown on Uighurs in Xinjiang.”](#)

A summary of China’s treatment of its minority Uighur population. (1,900 words)

Eleanor Albert and Andrew Chatzky, [“The Rohingya Crisis.”](#)

An accessible summary of the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. (2,500 words)

Ankit Panda, [“Singapore: A Small Asian Heavyweight.”](#)

An introductory profile of Singapore and its unique attributes. (1,600 words)

[“Asia Unbound.”](#)

A blog of analysis on issues in Asia written by CFR fellows.

Articles

Bernhard Zand, [“A Surveillance State Unlike Any the World Has Ever Seen.”](#) *Spiegel Online*, July 26, 2018.

Classroom Reading List: East Asia and the Pacific

From Germany's leading news magazine, a tour of the many ways in which the Chinese government surveils and oppresses Uighurs. (2,900 words)

Mike Ives, "[Gay Courtship on Vietnam's 'The Bachelor' Turned Heads Abroad. Back Home? Meh.](#)," *New York Times*, September 25, 2018.

A brief examination of how Vietnam became one of the most welcoming countries in the region for LGBTQ+ people. (1,000 words)

Hannah Beech, "[China's Sea Control Is a Done Deal, 'Short of War With the U.S.'](#)," *New York Times*, September 20, 2018.

A detailed examination of China's territorial claims in the South China Sea, complete with maps and photos and interviews with American naval aviators who are responsible for patrolling the area. (2,300 words)

Edward Wong, "[A Chinese Empire Reborn](#)," *New York Times*, January 5, 2018.

A feature article, relying in part on the personal experiences of the author, that explores what factors have allowed China to amass an empire with far-reaching influence. (1,800 words)

"[The Five Main Projects of the Belt and Road Initiative: A Visual Explainer](#)," *South China Morning Post*.

An excellent explainer of the Belt and Road Initiative.

"[What Other Countries Can Learn From Singapore's Schools](#)," *Economist*, August 30, 2018.

A brief examination of Singapore's education system which has helped its students achieve some of the highest test scores in the world. (800 words)

Alice Su, "[With Each Generation, the People of Taiwan Feel More Taiwanese—and Less Chinese](#)," *Los Angeles Times*, February 15, 2019.

A feature article on how Taiwanese identity has shifted over time, toward many younger Taiwanese seeing themselves as distinct from people from mainland China. (2,000 words)

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Valentina Romei and John Reed, "[The Asian Century Is Set to Begin.](#)" *Financial Times*, March 25, 2019.

An examination, illustrated by exceptional charts, of how Asian economies are growing and overtaking many Western economies. (1,100 words)

Mike Bird, "[Japan's Silent Belt and Road Is Beating China's.](#)" *Wall Street Journal*, April 22, 2019.

An article that reminds readers that although China's Belt and Road Initiative has garnered plenty of attention, Japan has made extensive foreign investments as well. (500 words)

"[Going Gray.](#)" *Reuters*, May 1, 2019.

Illustrated by charts and graphs, an article that explores aging populations in Japan, China, South Korea, and Germany, and the effects of this demographic shift.

Philip P. Pan, "[The Land That Failed to Fail.](#)" *New York Times*, November 18, 2018.

Part one of a five-part series on how China has so successfully grown in size and global influence. (4,700 words)

Ehsan Masood, "[How China Is Redrawing the Map of World Science.](#)" *Nature*, May 1, 2019.

An examination of how the Belt and Road Initiative may shape scientific research around the world. (3,200 words)

Books

Evan Osnos, *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China* (2014).

This award-winning book from an American journalist living in Beijing analyzes modern Chinese society, framing it in terms of a conflict between individualism and the state's desire for centralized control. (416 pages)

Christopher Goto-Jones, *Modern Japan: A Very Short Introduction* (2009).

A brief look at the history, economy, politics, and culture of Japan that seeks to dispel many commonly held myths about the country.

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(144 pages)

James R. Rush, *Southeast Asia: A Very Short Introduction* (2018).

An introduction to Southeast Asia's five thousand years of history that emphasizes the region's diversity and the current issues that it faces. (160 pages)

Rana Mitter, *Modern China: A Very Short Introduction* (2008).

An introduction to all aspects of Chinese culture, society, politics, and economy. (192 pages)

John Hersey, *Hiroshima* (1946).

A classic journalistic account of the effects of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima, as told through the lives of six ordinary people. First published in the *New Yorker*, it is also available in book form. (152 pages)

Literature

Min Jin Lee, *Pachinko* (2017).

An award-winning novel that traces the story of a Korean family across four generations as they live through major events in the region's history. (496 pages)

Chen Ruoxi, *The Execution of Mayor Yin and Other Stories from the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution* (1976).

A collection of eight short stories, translated from Chinese, that illuminate the lives of everyday people during China's Cultural Revolution. (202 pages)

Ji-li Jiang, *Red Scarf Girl* (1997).

An award-winning autobiography that tells the story of a child who lived through the Cultural Revolution. (320 pages)

News Sources

[South China Morning Post](#)

Hong Kong's newspaper of record.

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[Asahi Shimbun Weekly](#)

The English edition of one of Japan's leading newspapers.

[Diplomat](#)

A leading newsmagazine focused on Asian politics, society, and culture.

[Yonhap News Agency](#)

South Korea's largest news agency and wire service.

[Asia News Network](#)

A network of newspapers from around Asia.

[Straits Times](#)

Singapore's leading English-language newspaper.