



Southeast Asia Studies Resource Guide

These are all sources of information that you can use with the Southeast Asia Studies book. They are mostly written at an intermediate level of English. Most of them will work with basic internet.

Get the Southeast Asia Studies book in Mae Sot, or download it from <http://curriculumproject.org/social-studies>

Key Resources

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This guide was made in 2014.
Do you know of other resources to add to it? Please contact us!



Key Resources

These are all things that you can use online or download to your computer. To download an offline version of Wikipedia, you need two things.

1. Download the software that can read the offline version of Wikipedia. Kiwix Reader at <http://www.kiwix.org/wiki/>
2. Download Burmese Wikipedia or Simple English Wikipedia. They will come in zim files that you can open using the Kiwix Reader. http://www.kiwix.org/wiki/Wikipedia_in_all_languages

Burmese Wikipedia

Here are some Wikipedia articles related to Southeast Asia. What other information can you find? What words can you think of to search for?

Category ASEAN

<https://my.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:အရှေ့တောင်အာရှနိုင်ငံများအသင်း>

Category Southeast Asia

<https://my.wikipedia.org/wiki/အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ>

Burma Ethnic Groups

https://my.wikipedia.org/wiki/မနမာတိုင်ရင်းသားလူမျိုး_၁၃၅မျိုး

Irrawaddy River

<https://my.wikipedia.org/wiki/ဧရာဝတီမစ်>

Human Rights in Burma

https://my.wikipedia.org/wiki/မနမာတိုင်ငံ၏_လူ့အခွင့်အရေး

Simple English Wikipedia

Simple English Wikipedia articles are written for people who are learning English. Read a little bit about Southeast Asia and then read about every country.

http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia



Here are some more words you can search. Can you think of any other topics that are related to Southeast Asia?

ASEAN
Geography
Mekong River
Khmer Rouge

Sumatra
Malay
Tagalog
Thaksin

Pol Pot
Hassanal Bolkiah
Ho Chi Minh

Wikipedia

In the regular English Wikipedia, there are a lot more articles about all kinds of different things. Try searching for anything about Southeast Asia.

<http://www.wikipedia.org/>

When you find a Wikipedia page about a useful topic, you can find more information at the very bottom of the page. Click on 'Category', 'Index', or 'Portal' and see what you can find. Here are some examples of links to other Wikipedia pages about similar topics.

Category of Southeast Asia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Southeast_Asia

Category of ASEAN

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Association_of_Southeast_Asian_Nations

Country Portals

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Cambodia>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Indonesia>

Outline of Topics

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_Burma

Index of Burma-related Articles

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Index_of_Burma-related_articles



ASEAN Curriculum Sourcebook

This is a pdf book that was made to go with other curriculum in Southeast Asian countries, and to give ideas to teachers. In the beginning, you can read about why it's important to learn about ASEAN. The goal of this book is "to connect young people across ASEAN to one another and to their region so that they might all work together for a better future"(p. 9).

Look at page 8 to see an overview of the skills and knowledge that students can get from this curriculum, and page 9 for some example questions. This is good to read so that you can decide what is important for you to learn. These are also good ideas for discussion topics, essay questions, or goals for exams. (copy charts pg. 8, 14-19, 80-84, 137-145, 186-194, 256-264)

There are five main chapters that are divided into three levels. The first level was written for primary school, but it has good English for beginner and intermediate students. At the beginning of each chapter, there is a chart with general ideas for lessons. Later in the chapter, there is a lot more detail for each idea, with many handouts and instructions. You can use the full lesson plans, or just look at the ideas and make your own activity with some other websites that are in this guide.

http://www8.rn.ac.th/foreignlanguage/images/stories/documents/english/asean_curriculum.pdf

About ASEAN

ASEAN.org

Look at the ASEAN website for information on the motto, flag, emblem, and anthem. Students can find information in groups. Look at this website first, and then use other websites for more.

<http://www.asean.org/asean/about-asean>

After you study those resources, watch this video to review what you know. Do you hear some of the things that you read? Do you know which countries are shown in the video? What is the song playing?



http://www.asean.org/media-gallery/video/item/asean-corporate-video-socio-cultural-community?category_id=64

ASEAN Children's Forum

This site has a few facts about each country (capital city, languages, leader's name, currency). Show students this website and give them one fact to find quickly. This is also a good place to look at all the flags of ASEAN countries and compare them.

http://www.aseanchildrensforum.org/#/country_pa

If you want to see all of this information on one page, go here.

<http://www.asean.org/asean/asean-member-states>

The ASEAN Community by 2015 Video

This is a 6 minute cartoon video to teach kids in Southeast Asian countries about ASEAN. It is six minutes long, in basic English, with English subtitles. It talks about peace, prosperity, and people. Watch the video as a class and discuss the topics. Is it good for children to learn about ASEAN? Do you think everything in the video is true?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrnK5UQDdO0>

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Video

This video is 4 minutes long. With ASEAN songs playing in the background, you can see pictures and read text about ASEAN history and countries. Have students write down notes or make a list of vocab words.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfHJdhVdIIQ>

Southeast Asian Cultures

BBC Country Profiles



The BBC has put together a profile of each country, including an overview, facts, leaders, profile of the media, and a historical timeline that is updated with current events. This is an excellent resource for more advanced research on countries, and a very good place to find correct information on past and current events in each country.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15641745>

National Geographic

This is especially good for research on nature and environment. You can also find really cool science resources! There are pages on Laos, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand. Each one has pictures, quick facts, and more detailed information too. Students can click through the slides, look at a map, and watch a video for each country. Click "Print this feature" to easily print and hand out the page to students.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/laos/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/philippines/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/vietnam/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/thailand/>

Around the World - TIME

This is an interactive website, so it will be slower to load. There are three ASEAN countries in the list: Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia. There is basic information about these countries, and these other cool tools:

- Click on "A Day in the Life" for pictures and readings about a young person from that country. This is good reading for beginner English.
- Click on "History Timeline" for short sentences about ancient history to the present.
- Click on "Sightseeing Guide" to be a tourist! You can click on the map to see pictures and read about the famous places in that country. This is better for intermediate or advanced English.
- Click on "Challenge" for a quiz to test what you have learned. Students can do this in pairs or individually



Thailand - <http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/thailand>

Vietnam - <http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/vietnam>

Indonesia - <http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/indonesia>

Friendship with Cambodia

This site has nine lesson plans with readings, homework, and class activities. It is all on one page so you can find the information quickly. The topics are: History of Cambodia; Genocide; Human Rights; Sweatshops; War and Peace; Artists and Cultures; Powerful Women; Landmines. You can use these lesson plans as ideas for studying other ASEAN countries too. The other websites in this guide will give you the information you need for the same class activities and discussions about the other nine countries. All of these lesson plans are in a pdf document.

http://www.friendshipwithcambodia.org/camb_lesson_plans.pdf (downloaded pdf)

<http://www.friendshipwithcambodia.org/programs-edu-lp.php>

The first lesson plan is about Cambodia's history. On this one webpage, you can find all the information you need about Cambodia. It also has an excellent list of questions for students to answer about Cambodia. At the bottom of the page, there is an excellent simple English history of Cambodia. Students can read one section and make a summary of the information. At the bottom, click "Next Lesson Plan" to see more.

<http://www.friendshipwithcambodia.org/programs-edu-lp1.php>

Countries and Their Cultures

On this website you can click on any country to read about the culture, history, and government. There is also a very long list of ethnic groups in Southeast Asia. For some groups, there is a lot of information, and for some groups there is only a little. Can you find all the ethnic groups that you know about?

<http://www.everyculture.com/East-Southeast-Asia/index.html>

Families of the World



These videos are good for beginner English. They show a bit about the daily life of families in the Philippines and Vietnam. There is also a pdf teacher's guide, with a transcript of the story. These videos were made for American children, but a lot of the information is useful.

Video Clips

Philippines <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezz00LiJIQo>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEvR06wZb50>

Vietnam <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAye8XyMEas>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOAWrHCtyLI>

PDFs to download

<http://www.familiesoftheworld.com/teacherguide/PhilippinesTguide.pdf>

<http://www.familiesoftheworld.com/teacherguide/VietnamGuide2010.pdf>

7 Southeast Asian Languages

Listen to the sound of Cambodian/Khmer, Laos, Thai, Burmese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Malay (Indonesian). This is a two-minute video with maps and flags of the countries.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ye5h17gczPw>

This short blog post shows how to greet someone in each ASEAN country. Students can look at this site and do research to find more words in each language. <http://phetmanykm.blogspot.ca/2013/02/greeting-asean-languages.html>

Stamps

This Irrawaddy article is about a book, written by a Generation 88 leader, about Burmese postage stamps and their history. The article is written in intermediate English. It is good for group discussion.

http://www2.irrawaddy.org/print_article.php?art_id=9796

You can also look at stamps from Southeast Asian countries and discuss the symbols. What can you see about the country's culture? This website has pictures of stamps from many different countries. Find an ASEAN country on the right and click to find pictures.



<http://mypostagestampscollection.blogspot.ca/search/label/Covers%20-%20Thailand>

World Factbook

The CIA World Factbook is the most up to date and complete information about every country in the world. It is written by the US government. This is a good place for more advanced research, and it is written in advanced English. You can read about the people, politics, economics, history, and current situation. Make sure students choose only some information, because each page is very long and detailed. Choose a country from the top menu.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/xx.html>

Current News

News Sources from Southeast Asia

The Irrawaddy <http://www.irrawaddy.org/>

Translate: The Irrawaddy <http://burma.irrawaddy.org/>

Asia Times <http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Southeast Asia.html>

Southeast Asia News <http://southeastasianews.com/>

Bangkok Post <http://www.bangkokpost.com/>

Al Jazeera <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/>

List of Burmese-Language News Sources

Burmese-language News Sources

<http://www.ibiblio.org/obl/show.php?cat=759&lo=d&sl=1>

Burma News Sources – in English

<http://www.ibiblio.org/obl/show.php?cat=800&lo=d&sl=0>

