

LESSON FIVE

Traditional Chinese Clothing



Costumes of Yi Ethnic Group

The Yi ethnic group primarily lives in a mountainous region in the southwest part of China and are the seventh largest ethnic group. The Yi people host the Torch Festival, or Fire Festival, each year and villagers dance and sing to celebrate Atilabia, who used torches made from pine trees to drive away a plague of locusts. Members of the Yi ethnic group are very talented in singing, dancing, and handcrafts, and use their talents to create a variety of embroidered designs on their costumes. The costumes of Liangshan and Honghe groups, two of the many groups within the Yi ethnic group, vary in design. In Liangshan, the women wear long and colorful skirts and the men wear a hat with a fake braid, as boys in ancient China would wear. In Honghe they hold the rooster, which symbolizes good blessings, in high regard and the women wear a hat resembling the animal.

Student Activity:

Over the course of these lessons, you will learn about six different Chinese ethnic groups. Choose an ethnic group from those we have briefly described. Research and learn more about your chosen group's clothing, style and traditions.

Recreate OR design your own clothing or accessory (hat, shoes, jewelry, etc.) using the information you have learned.

Submissions can include entire outfits to elaborate hair pins and may be submitted in any of the following forms:

- Doll sized clothing
- Accessories
- Full sized garments
- Sketches/hand drawn designs

You can submit a photo or document of your traditional Chinese clothing here:

<https://bit.ly/2Zv6D1g>

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