

AP HuG Online Language Activities

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Please answer the questions on this worksheet. You may use the back for Activity 3.
Every answer should be in your words – not the website's word (unless you are translating – like Activity 1)

Activity 1: What's in a Name? Geographic Place Names

In China, Mandarin Chinese place names are often determined by their geographic location.

Go to Chinese Place Names: <http://www2.sjsu.edu/faculty/watkins/chinalan.htm>

1) Translate the following Chinese place names into English:

- a. Shanghai -
- b. Sichuan -
- c. Hunan -
- d. Shanxi -
- e. Chang Jiang -
- f. Huang He -
- g. Changbai Shan -
- h. Zhonghua -

Activity 2: American Dialects – What's yours?

Take the dialect quiz found here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/12/20/sunday-review/dialect-quiz-map.html>

*sometimes you have to refresh the last page a few times if a map doesn't show up at the end of the quiz

1) What three cities were closest to your dialect? Do you have connections to those cities or regions?

- a)
- b)
- c)

Activity 3: Endangered Languages

Go to: <http://storymaps.esri.com/stories/2013/endangered-languages/>

Investigate (3) languages. Choose those that you have not heard of, or are not familiar with.

For each language do the following:

1. Where in the world you would find it?
2. Why is/was it close to extinction?
3. How are they trying to preserve it?
4. What other parts of their culture are closely tied to language?
5. Most of the languages have either a video or some other link to help you hear the language. Listen to the language – what do you think about the language?