

UPDATED FOR 2026

YEAR OF THE HORSE

2026 is the Year of the Horse.

People born in the Year of the Horse are said to be hard-workers, speedy, capable, confident, and independent.

2026 is the Year of the Horse.

This Digital Bulletin Board includes slides to reflect the 2026 Lunar New Year zodiac animal.

DO YOU REMEMBER...?

2026 is the Year of the ____.

- A. Rabbit
- B. Tiger
- C. Snake
- D. Horse



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Scrolling Slideshow is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Recommended Reads List is editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.



FOOD

Popular foods during Lunar New Year include:

- fish
- dumplings
- oranges

WORD OF THE WEEK

dumpling

(noun)

Dumplings are a popular food in Asian countries. Dumplings are little pasta pillows filled with meat, vegetables, and spices.

In China, dumplings are called jiǎozi.
It's pronounced jee-ow-dzuh.
The characters look like this: 饺子

FOCUSES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR IN CHINA

HÓNG BĀO 红包

Paper money put inside hóng bāo
should be new and crisp.

GIFT ETIQUETTE

If you are unsure how to receive a
Lunar New Year gift, it's best
to watch how the other
person hands it to you.

If they use both hands, you
should receive with both hands.

If they bow, you should also



I lived in two cities in China from
2014 – 2020! I even took some of the
photos in the slideshow myself.

Though it does mention Lunar New Year
celebrations outside China, this scrolling
slideshow focuses mainly on how
Lunar New Year is celebrated in China.

EASY-TO-READ FONTS

All my resources are designed to maximize readability and accessibility for all students.

Only two fonts are used in all parts of this resource: Arial (body text, recommended by the British Dyslexia Association) and KG Blank Space Solid (headers).

There is no cursive, no fancy fonts, and no random capitalizations.

Lines of text are spaced at 1.5 throughout the slide presentation.

DECORATIONS

During Lunar New Year, Chinese families decorate their homes, businesses, and cities in red and gold.

Red and gold are lucky colors in China.

They are said to bring good fortune.



CLEAN BACKGROUNDS AND FONT COLORS

Most slide backgrounds are white.



HÀNZI & PINYIN

Chinese written characters are called Hànzì (“HAHN zuh”).

Alphabetically-spelled Chinese words are called pīnyīn.

It is not correct to call Chinese characters “symbols.” They are either “characters” or Hànzì.

Header text is in color for emphasis.

Most body text is black.

These design choices help ensure the text is as clean and clear as possible for students with dyslexia or vision challenges.

ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

TRIVIA ANSWER

How old is the Great Wall of China?

- A. 23 years
- B. 230 years
- C. 2300 years
- D. 23,000 years



The Wall was built to protect China from invaders.

Editable (all text, captions, and headers)

Not editable (images)

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RECOMMENDED READS

"Lunar New Year – Grades 6-8"

Fiction

- The Gate, the Girl, and the Dragon (Lin)
- Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Monster and the Maze (Lam)
- The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli (Glaser)
- Morning Sun in Wuhan (Compestine)
- All Four Quarters of the Moon (Marr)
- Dragon Mountain (Tsang and Tsang)
- The Dragon Warrior (Zhao)
- Freedom Swimmer (Chim)
- Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Red Butterfly (Sonnichsen)
- Ties That Bind, Ties That Break (Namioka)
- Bronze and Sunflower (Wenxuan)
- Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party (Con)
- Reflection (Lim)
- The Scroll of Chaos (Chapman)
- Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emp

Graphic

- Lion Da
- Pearl (S)
- Uproo
- Yo
- The
- Ghc
- Lui
- Ar
- L



RECOMMENDED READS

"Lunar New Year – Grades 9-12"

Fiction

- A Forgery of Fate (Lim)
- Meet Me at Blue Hour (Suk)
- The Last Tiger (Riew and Riew)
- Strike the Zither (He)
- Sunlight Playing over a Mountain (Bi)
- Songs for Ghosts (Kumagai)
- Hangry Hearts (Chen)
- Freedom Swimmer (Chim)
- Heiress Apparently (Ma)
- Red Butterfly (Sonnichsen)
- These Violent Delights (Gong)
- Ties That Bind, Ties That Break (Namioka)
- The Walled City (Graudin)
- The Epic Crush of Genie Lo (Yee)
- Factory Girl (La Valley)
- Darker By Four (Tan)
- Reflection (Lim)
- Like Spilled Water (Liu)
- The Magnolia Sword: A Ballad of Mulan (Thomas)
- Zodiac Rising (Zhao)
- Song of the Six Realms (Lin)



Graphic Novels

- Lunar New Year Love Story (Yang)
- The Fox Maidens (Ha)
- Halfway There (Har)
- M



Includes two pages, with 24 titles for middle school and 27 high school titles.

All book titles feature Asian settings and/or mythology.

All titles received at least two positive professional reviews on Titlewave.

All titles are editable, so you can change them to suit your library.

GREAT FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY!



Students now come in to see what is on the library screen and see if they can answer any of the trivia questions.

More and more are requesting help to find out more about the items on the displays.

Thank you!

~C. Winkler

(used with Grades 6-11)



My students liked learning about the Lunar New Year. I presented it to my library classes. Afterward, I showed them some books pertaining to the Lunar New Year that were available for checkout.

They were excited to learn more and wanted to know what animal matched their birth year.

~Penny B. (used with 6th and 8th Grades)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Are these lessons
ready to use TODAY?**

Mostly, yes! There are three slides that are customizable to your library.

If you need a lesson in a pinch, you can just skip over or delete those slides in the lesson.

Is this lesson editable?

Yes – all text in all parts of the lesson presentation and printables are editable in PPT and Google Slides.

Upload to Canva or Adobe Acrobat Pro to edit the PDF versions.

The PDF version is **optional** and added for additional convenience.

How often is this resource updated for the new year?

The Zodiac animal changes every year, so I update this resource annually in December.

Once purchased, all future updates to this resource are FREE! Simply login and redownload the lesson when you are ready to use it.

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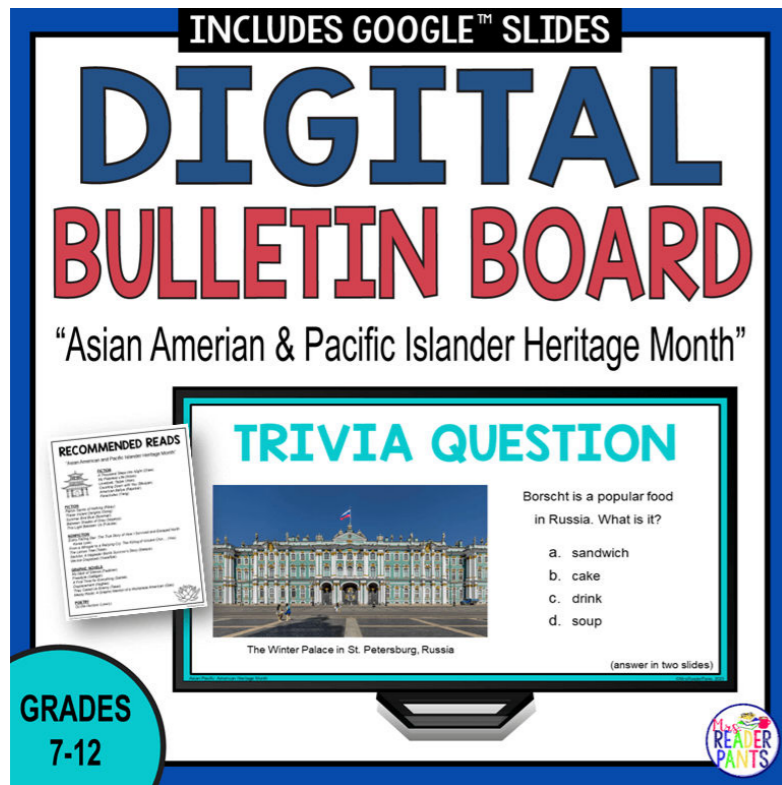
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Check out some of my other Digital Bulletin Boards!

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“Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month”



TRIVIA QUESTION

Borscht is a popular food in Russia. What is it?

- a. sandwich
- b. cake
- c. drink
- d. soup

(answer in two slides)

The Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia

RECOMMENDED READS

GRADES 7-12

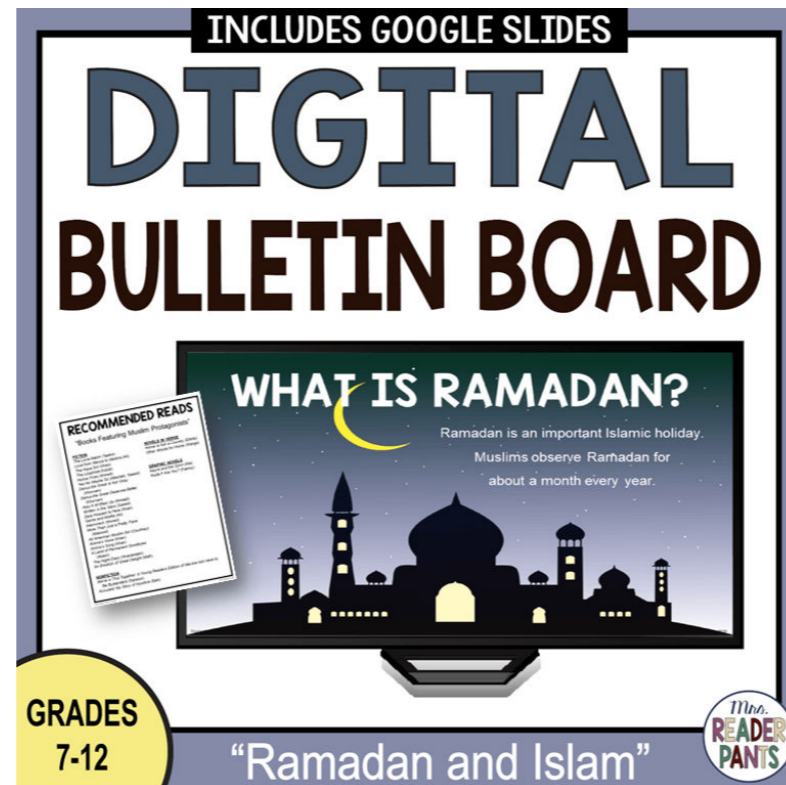
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WHAT IS RAMADAN?

Ramadan is an important Islamic holiday. Muslims observe Ramadan for about a month every year.



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GRADES 7-12

“Ramadan and Islam”

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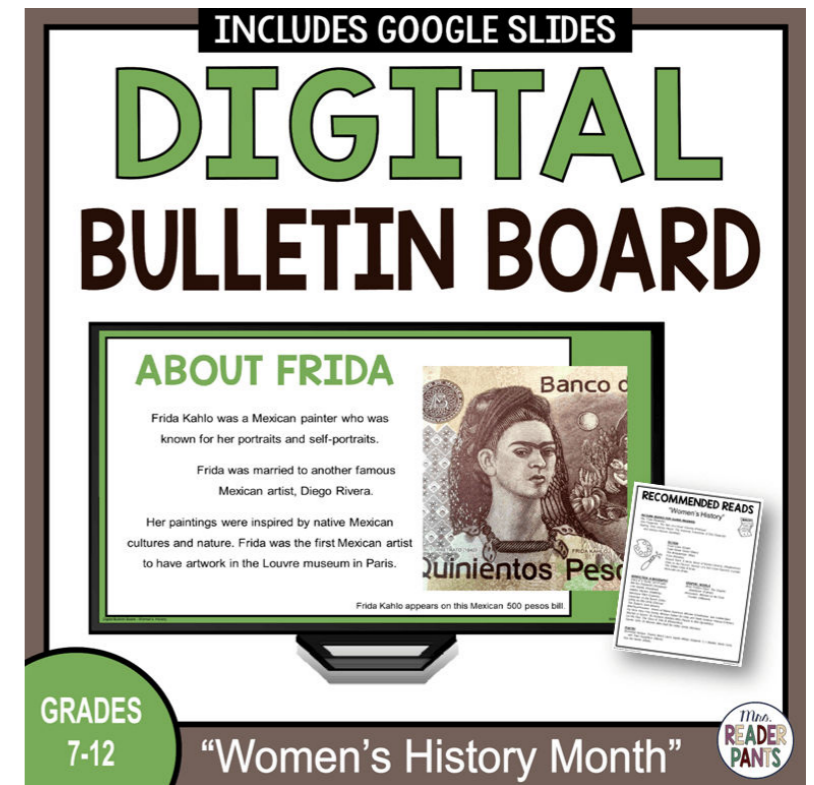
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ABOUT FRIDA

Frida Kahlo was a Mexican painter who was known for her portraits and self-portraits.

Frida was married to another famous Mexican artist, Diego Rivera.

Her paintings were inspired by native Mexican cultures and nature. Frida was the first Mexican artist to have artwork in the Louvre museum in Paris.



RECOMMENDED READS

GRADES 7-12

“Women’s History Month”

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