QINGDAO, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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City View

Ni hao! In what city in the People’s Republic of China can you visit a century-old German-style beer brewery and a modern Olympic sailing center? It’s Qingdao on Jiaozhou Bay on the Yellow Sea. Qingdao is the second largest city in Shandong province after the capital city, Jinan.

DID YOU KNOW?

• A century ago Qingdao was a colony of Germany. That is why there is German architecture in the old part of the city. The Tsingtao Brewery makes a German-style beer and exports it to the United States.
• At the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, the Olympic sailing events were held in Qingdao on the seacoast.
• With its proximity to the sea, fresh seafood is a culinary specialty of Qingdao. Abalone, shark’s fin, prawns, crabs, squid, lobster, shrimp, octopus, oysters, and clams are featured in many meals in Qingdao.

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PLACE: In 2010 Qingdao’s population was over 8.7 million people. Qingdao has a temperate climate with four seasons. Summer days are seldom hot there because of sea breezes that cool the city.

HUMAN—ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION: Qingdao is a major seaport and industrial center. It is currently constructing its second subway line to connect downtown to the outlying Lao Shan district.

MOVEMENT: The new Qingdao—Haiwan Bridge across Jiaozhou Bay is the longest sea bridge in the world at 26.4 miles, longer than the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway near New Orleans, Louisiana or the length of a marathon race.

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MAP IT!

More than half of Connecticut’s school districts have a sister-school exchange with schools in Shandong province. For example, Coventry Public Schools has a sister-school in Qingdao. Research the Connecticut school districts that have sister-school relationships with Shandong Province schools. Using a political map of Connecticut and a political map of Shandong province, label and match the towns and cities that have sister school relationships.

Connecticut State Department of Education—
http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/default.asp
Connecticut towns and cities map—
http://www.chuckstraub.com/images/conntownandcounty.jpg
Shandong province map—
http://www.hiddenchina.net/web/eng/karte_shandong_map.html

Find patterns in these relationships:

Where are most of the Connecticut schools with Shandong sister-schools located?
Where in Shandong province are these sister-schools located?
Are the Connecticut schools in cities, large towns, or small towns?
Are the Shandong schools located in one area of the province or spread throughout Shandong?

Curricular Connections

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1-3.10, 4.1-4.10, 5.1-5.10

Online Resources:

Qingdao—Haiwan Bridge across Jiaozhou Bay news article— http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1343004/A-bridge-far-China-unveils-worlds-longest-sea-bridge-miles-FURTHER-Dover-Calais-crossing.html#ixzz1QmoJBVC7
“A relaxing video of Qingdao”— http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-t7ZSmXdZ8
“Connecticut embraces China anew” news article— http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/2013-01/18/content_16139441.htm
“Qingdao prepares for the 2015 World Leisure Games” news article— http://www.china daily.com.cn/m/qingdao/2013-06/19/content_16635938.htm
Shandong province map— http://www.hiddenchina.net/web/eng/karte_shandong_map.html