



**Driving Question:** What influences have you identified that are connected to the dramatic changes in Shanghai's culture?

### Project Description:

Students worked in teams to create three-minute documentaries on cultural changes that have occurred in the city of Shanghai. Students choose an area of interest and set goals for investigation of the dramatic cultural change. Instead of relying purely on resources at the school, students were required to plan and organize visits and experiences the places they chose to investigate in order to embrace a larger learning community and become more socially engaged. They also worked with authors, adults and experts in the field of filmmaking. The project culminated in a film festival for the school and the community and students wrote up a reflection on what they learned.

## Student Products

- ▶ Research and investigate cultural change in the city of Shanghai
- ▶ Plan and implement field research
- ▶ Create three-minute documentary
- ▶ Write reflection on learning

## Student Reflections

"We selected out topic because it was very interest and fun to learn about Shanghai's architecture and to see its advancement in building very tall buildings. We are really interested in how filmmakers pull off amazing films, and how they have all the types of camera angle that make films great." - Justin and Kevin

"The reason we selected this topic was that we had a persona connection. Both of us have family members that have lived through the torture of the Red Guards. The interesting thing for us about filming is its way of telling stories. We hope that with this documentary people can learn something new, and further understand the change that Shanghai has gone through. " - Royce and Renee

"We selected this topic because we were passionate about it and wanted more people to be educated about hygiene and its importance especially when it comes food. We think that filmmaking is an easy and amazing way to educate people. It was a fun and challenging experience and we hope that after watching our documentary the audience will understand hygiene is and how careful we have to be when eating local food, especially at wet markets." - Tania and Shauya



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