

# Lessons from Asian Art: *Cultural Diplomacy Through Ceramics*

Focus Works For  
High School Lesson





Hamada Shoji (Japanese, 1894–1978). [Bowl](#), ca. 1950. Stoneware with clear and iron glazes, Height: 3 in. Diameter: 8 1/2 in. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Mrs. Richard H. Webber. 57.118



Kamada Koji (Japanese, born 1948). [Tenmoku Tea Bowl](#), 2014. Stoneware with Tenmoku glaze, 2 3/4 x 5 1/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Friends of Asian Arts and Cultures Acquisition Fund in honor of Graham W. J. Beal. 2015.70



Japanese. [Tea Bowl](#), late 16th–early 17th century. Mino ware, Oribe-guro type stoneware, 3 3/8 x 5 7/16 in. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Robert H. Tannahill Foundation Fund. 2013.42



Japanese. [Tea Bowl](#), 17th–18th century. Stoneware with black and translucent glazes, 2 7/8 x 4 7/8 x 5 1/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Frederick Stearns. 73.182



Japanese. [Water Jar](#), 16th century. Jar: stoneware; lid: wood, lacquer, 6 1/4 x 6 x 6 1/16 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Ancient Art Deaccession Fund, gifts from Harold J. Quilhot, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Book, Mrs. O.B. Nordstrom in memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wyhan, Gibbs-Williams Fund, Mrs. Byron C. Foy in memory of her father Walter P. Chrysler, by exchange. 2014.36



Japanese. [Tea Storage Jar](#), late 16th–early 17th century. Stoneware with ash glaze, 16 7/8 x 17 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase, New Endowment Fund and Henry Ford II Fund. 1989.73



Japanese. [Storage Jar](#), 15th century. Stoneware with ash glaze, 20 7/8 × 12 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase with funds from the Friends of Asian Art, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Shelden III Fund, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford II Fund. 1989.45



Tomoko Konno (Japanese, born 1967). [Creature](#), 2015. Porcelain, pigments, clear glaze, 21 3/4 × 23 1/8 × 5 3/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Joseph H. Parsons Fund. 2017.8



Korean. [Jar with Designs of Plum and Bamboo](#), 19th–early 20th century. Porcelain, underglaze cobalt, 5 1/4 × 5 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase with funds from the Friends of Asian Art in honor of Dr. Bonnie Abiko, and funds from the Korean Community, the Korean Women’s Association, and KyungAe Bae. 1998.11



Korean. [Buncheong Bowl](#), 15th–16th century. Stoneware with white slip decoration and light green glaze, 3 1/4 × 7 3/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Leo S. Figiel and Dr. and Mrs. Steven J. Figiel. 74.90



Korean. [Jar with Pedestal Base](#), mid 1st–mid 6th century. Stoneware, 14 × 9 3/4 × 39 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Robert H. Tannahill Foundation Fund. 2015.10



Korean. [Moon Jar](#), 18th century. Porcelain with glaze, 14 1/2 × 14 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase, G. Albert Lyon Fund and L. A. Young Fund, with additional funds from Mrs. George Endicott and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Endicott. 1984.2



Korean. [Porcelain Bottle with Underglaze Plant Design](#), 17th century. Porcelain, underglaze iron pigment, 6 5/8 × 4 3/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Philip Kang. 2016.105



Korean. [Buncheong Bottle](#), 15th century. Stoneware, slip, glaze, 9 1/4 × 5 5/8 × 21 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Robert H. Tannahill Foundation Fund. 2015.9



Korean. [Dish with Incised Lotus Designs](#), 12th–14th century. Stoneware, celadon glaze, 1 1/2 × 5 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Irving F. Burton. 65.368



Korean. [Buncheong Bowl](#), 15th century. Stoneware, slip, glaze, 3 1/4 × 7 3/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Robert H. Tannahill Foundation Fund. 2015.12





Korean. [Cinerary Urn](#), 7th–8th century. Stoneware, 4 1/2 × 5 5/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Klaus F. Naumann. 1986.35



Korean. [Pillow](#), 12th–13th century. Stoneware with slip and celadon glaze, 4 3/4 × 9 1/2 × 3 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase, New Endowment Fund, and Benson and Edith Ford Fund. 80.39



Korean. [Bottle with Dragon](#), 19th century. Porcelain, underglaze cobalt, 13 1/4 × 8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, funds from the G. Albert Lyon Foundation Fund. 2016.104



Kim Yikyung (Korean, born 1935). [Rectangular Vase](#), ca. 1997. Porcelain, celadon glaze, 6 3/4 × 8 1/2 × 7 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Honorable Joseph P. Carroll. 1999.83



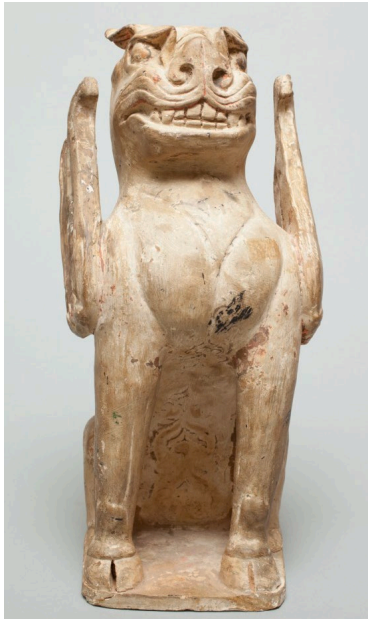
Kim Yikyung (Korean, born 1935). [Ovid Jar](#), 1999. Porcelain with glaze, 13 1/2 × 16 1/4 × 11 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Dr. Tai P. Yoo, President of the Korean American Community of Metro Detroit. 1999.133



Korean. [Bowl with Inlaid Clouds and Cranes](#), 12th–13th century. Stoneware, slip, celadon glaze, 3 3/8 × 8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Leo S. Figiel and Dr. and Mrs. Steven J. Figiel. 74.87



Chinese. [Temple Vase](#), 1279–1368. Porcelaneous stoneware, celadon glaze, 28 1/8 × 12 3/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Mrs. Edsel Ford. 28.1



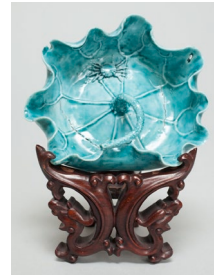
Chinese. [Lion-headed Earth Spirit](#), late 6th–early 7th century. Earthenware, paint, 13 3/8 × 6 × 6 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Theodore and Diana Golden. 2001.149.2



Chinese. [Lady with Phoenix Headdress](#), 618–906. Earthenware with three-color glaze, 17 1/2 × 4 × 3 5/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, City of Detroit Purchase. 29.342



Chinese. [Zun Vessel](#), 18th–19th century. Glazed porcelain, Overall: 4 1/4 × 3 1/4 inches, Including base: 5 1/4 × 3 1/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Bequest of James Pearson Duffy. 2010.167



Chinese. [Bowl in Shape of Lotus Leaf](#), late 17th–early 18th century. Glazed porcelain, Overall: 1 1/4 × 3 3/4 × 3 1/8 inches, Including base: 4 5/8 × 3 3/4 × 2 3/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Bequest of James Pearson Duffy. 2010.166



Chinese. [Ox and Cart](#), 220–589 CE. Grey pottery, 8 1/2 × 7 3/4 × 16 5/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Mrs. Robert T. Keller. 1994.144



Chinese. [Jarlet](#), 18th–19th century. Celadon glazed porcelain, Overall: 2 1/2 × 3 inches, Including base: 3 1/2 × 3 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Bequest of James Pearson Duffy. 2010.168



Chinese. [Blue and White Porcelain Box](#), 13th century. Porcelain with underglaze cobalt and glaze, Overall: 4 3/8 × 12 1/4 × 8 5/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of K. T. Keller. 47.368



Chinese. [\*Large Bowl with Incised Floral and Wave Designs\*](#), late 14th century. Clay, glaze, 5 1/8 × 12 1/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Honorable and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams. 73.338



Chinese. [\*Bowl\*](#), 13th century. Stoneware, glaze, 3 × 10 9/16 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Honorable and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams. 73.309



Chinese. [\*Tea Bowl\*](#), 960–1279. Stoneware with iron "hare's fur" glaze, 1 3/4 × 4 1/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of Mrs. James Marshall Plumer. 62.18



Chinese. [\*Shallow Dish with Design of Boys Playing Among Lotus\*](#), ca. 1200. Porcelain with "shadow blue" glaze, 7 1/2 × 1 3/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase, with funds from the Friends of Asian Art and Dr. John V. and Annette Balian. 1991.169



Chinese. [\*Garden Seat\*](#), 16th–mid-17th century. Stoneware, celadon glaze, 13 5/8 × 12 1/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Honorable and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams. 73.332



Chinese. [\*Large Deep Plate with Incised Peonies and Wave Design\*](#), 14th–15th century. Stoneware with celadon glaze, 2 3/8 × 13 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Honorable and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams. 73.321



Thai. [Stem Bowl with Incised Lotus and Concentric Bands](#), 14th century. Stoneware, celadon glaze, 6 1/2 × 9 1/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Honorable and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams. 73.308



Meissen Porcelain Manufactory, German, founded 1710, Manufacturer. Johann Gregor Höroldt, German, 1696–1775, Decorator. [Teapot](#), 1723 or 1724. Hard-paste porcelain, vitreous enamel, gold; silver-gilt mounts, 5 × 4 1/4 × 6 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase, gift of Ruth Nugent Head and City of Detroit by exchange. 1992.43



Chinese (for export to the European or American Market). [Bowl](#), ca. 1850. Glazed hard paste porcelain with polychrome enamel, 5 3/8 × 12 3/4 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of an anonymous donor. F1985.48



Chinese (for export to the North American Market). [Plate](#), early 19th century. Black transfer printed porcelain, 9 5/8 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of the Estate of William H. Murphy. 30.307.24



Hoechst, German, Manufacturer. After Johann Peter Melchior, German, 1742–1825, Modeler. [The Chinese Emperor](#), 1766. Hard-paste porcelain, vitreous enamel, gold, 16 1/8 × 13 × 9 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of James S. Holden in memory of his mother, Mrs. E. G. Holden. 51.59



Chinese (for export to the European Market). [Beaker Vase \(Gu\)](#), ca. 1700. Porcelain, underglaze blue, 20 1/8 × 9 1/2 inches. Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum Purchase, Robert H. Tannahill Foundation Fund. 2018.23.1



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