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Between Tradition and Modernity: The Art of Fan Tchunpi

This list of books and web resources will allow you and your students to learn more about Chinese history and the political events that took place in China during the lifetime of Fan Tchunpi (1898–1986). Many of these events influenced Fan Tchunpi’s life and her artwork.

Books:

This book provides a complex look at the many conflicts between China, Japan, Russian, and Western countries during the first half of the twentieth century.

*SHANGHAI 1937: Stalingrad on the Yangtze* by Peter Harmsen (Casemate Publishers, 2013)  
This book examines the Battle of Shanghai, which was a pivotal event that helped define and shape the modern world. It was the beginning of a war between China and Japan, which eventually led to both Pearl Harbor and many decades of conflict in Asia. Fan Tchunpi lived in Shanghai for much of the 1930s.

Websites:

http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/  
This is an excellent and comprehensive website for educators. Asia for Educators is an initiative of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University. The website has information on China in relation to world history, culture, geography, art, and literature. It includes maps, timelines, and lesson plans.

http://www.chaos.umd.edu/history/toc.html  
This website which was created by an individual rather than an institution, provides a comprehensive history of China and has an extensive reference/bibliography section.

http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinhist.html  
This website, part of the Brooklyn College Core WebPages, provides a useful and concise
summary of the significant events in China between the years 1839 and 1989. This timeline overlaps with Fan Tchunpi’s lifetime (1898–1986).


This site offers educational videos, lessons, and games for K–12 students on the history of China. The videos related to China and the Revolution (1911–1949) are helpful to understanding the environment in which Fan Tchunpi lived and worked.