High School Lesson Plan: Art The Art of Tea

Vocabulary List

China: Tea/Culture

Tea. cha

Ch'an Buddhist meditative school of thought concerned with realizing true

reality through contemplating the notion of "nothingness." Known as

Zen in Japanese, and Soen in Korean.

Tao or Dao

Literally "the way"; Chinese philosophy of the way of the universe. Tao is the origin of all creation and the force that lies behind the functions and changes of the natural world. This approach to life focuses on living in harmony with one's surroundings.

Lu Yu Eighth century Chinese tea connoissuer who made a practice of drinking and evaluating tea and tea vessels. His book, *The Book of*

Tea (Cha Jing), judged vessels and kilns throughout China in terms of their suitability for drinking tea.

China: Ceramics

celadon

Green-glazed ceramics that resemble jade in color. (See *Tea Bowl* from Korea.) Although celadon ware originated in China, the term "celadon" takes its name from a seventeenth-century character

from French literature who wore green clothing.

Ceramic wares from a site in the province of Fujian on the Jian ware

southeastern coast of China. Jian ware tea bowls featuring finely streaked iron glazes known as "hare's fur" are treasured in China

and Japan. (See *Tea Bowl* from China.)

Clay. tao

Japan: Tea/Culture

(1516-92) Kyoto potter and tile maker of Korean descent who Chojiro or Sokei

originated ráku ware. He made raku wares for tea ceremony under the guidance of the tea master Sen-no Rikkyu. His tea bowls were simple and unpretentious in design and shape, and his glazes were lead based and resembled those of the Chinese Ming dynasty

(1368-1644).

cha-no-yu or chado Literally "the way of tea," referring to the tea ceremony in Japan.