

Middle School Lesson Plan: Social Studies
The Great Way of Taoism

Vocabulary List

General Terms

ancestor	A relative who lived in the past; a person from whom one is descended, usually more distant than a grandparent.
auspicious	Lucky; a favorable sign or symbol which invites good fortune.
cosmic	Relating to the universe in contrast to the earth; often characterized by vast expanses of space or time.
culture	The total transmissible result of living together that consists of knowledge, belief preferences, and behavior, which is transmitted to succeeding generations.
immortal	A person who is exempt from death and will live forever; unending existence.
longevity	Property of being long-lived.
nobility	A class of people having high birth, rank, or social position.
prosperity	A condition of prospering; having good fortune.
sacred	An item or object that is highly valued and important, entitling it to much reverence and respect (such as the fungus of immortality, which is a prized symbol of longevity).
symbols	A visible sign, object, or something that stands for or suggests something else by reason of relationship; for example \$ is a symbol for money.

Chinese Terms

dialect	A different spoken form of the same written language. In China there are many different dialects and great differences exist among some dialects.
money tree	A sculpture composed of a pottery base and a bronze tree depicting Taoist imagery. The tree branches are decorated with Chinese coin motifs and representations of the Taoist deity the Queen Mother of the West and other immortal and auspicious beings.