Thailand

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

The History of Thailand in 5 Minutes:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfOMEP_7AJM
The Thai Royal Family:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pz6BJqlZ9Ko
Thailand Hill Tribes Documentary:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Efp7_-m06QA
Bangkok Images:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-n5hGBegho
Songkran Festival Thailand:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U4AP7pCjM0
Traditional Thai Music:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXXK4P2Oqs0
Traditional Dance of Thailand -  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04sfcOtG4u0
Thailand’s Floating Markets:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_vERda2YpY
Thailand Rice Cultivation – Start to Finish:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVOPT3Wgzos
Plight of Elephants in Thailand:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EiNjQVXYnM
Thai Elephant Sanctuary:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yt1zwiEpgtQ
Websites:

Science Kids http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/thailand.html
Thai Art: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thai_art
Chut Thai, Thailand’s Beautiful Traditional Dress: https://theculturetrip.com/asia/thailand/articles/chut-thai-thailands-beautiful-traditional-dress/
Thai Buddhist Sculpture: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thai_Buddhist_sculpture
Elephant Refuge: https://www.thaielephantrefuge.org/

Lesson Plans:

Thailand Theme Unit: https://www.edhelper.com/geography/Thailand.htm
Kid World Citizen, Thailand: https://kidworldcitizen.org/category/asia/thailand/
Guide to Batik in the Classroom: https://theartofeducation.edu/2016/04/05/step-step-guide-batik/
Thai Language Lessons: http://thai-language.com/lessons/
### Children’s Books:

| Title: Hush! A Thai Lullaby | Author: Mingfong Ho  
Age Range: 4 and up  
Grade Level: Preschool and up  
Paperback: 32 pages  
Publisher: Scholastic Inc.; Reprint edition (March 1, 2000)  
Language: English  
ISBN-10: 0531071669  
Summary: In an endearing lullaby, a mother asks a lizard, a monkey, and a water buffalo to be quiet and not disturb her sleeping baby. |
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| Title: Peek! A Thai Hide and Seek | Author: Ming Fong Ho  
Age Range: 3 - 7 years  
Grade Level: Preschool - 2  
Hardcover: 40 pages  
Publisher: Candlewick (August 19, 2004)  
Language: English  
ISBN-10: 0763620416  
Summary: Papa calls on all the creatures of the jungle to help find his baby in this tender, noisy, and gloriously illustrated game of hide-and-seek. |
| Title: Silk Umbrellas | Author: Carolyn Marsden  
Age Range: 9 - 12 years  
Grade Level: 4 - 7  
Lexile Measure: 870L (What’s this?)  
Paperback: 144 pages  
Publisher: Candlewick; Reprint edition (August 14, 2007)  
Language: English  
Summary: Eleven-year-old Noi is learning to paint like her grandmother. She and her older sister, Ting, spend many rapt hours in the jungle watching as Kun Ya paints delicate silk umbrellas to sell at the market. But one day Kun Ma and Kun Pa announce that Ting must start working at a local radio factory to help support the family. As the days and weeks pass, Noi anxiously sees her own fate reflected in her sister’s constricting world. Can Noi find a way to master her fear of failure and stand up for her gift — and Kun Ya’s tradition — before the future masters her? |
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<th>Title: Elephants of the Tsunami</th>
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<tr>
<td>Author: Jana Laiz</td>
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<td>Hardcover: 24 pages</td>
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<td>Publisher: EarthBound Books; 2nd edition (June 1, 2007)</td>
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<td>Language: English</td>
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<td>Summary: Elephants of the Tsunami is based on a true story about eight working elephants of Thailand, who, during the 2004 South Asian Tsunami, freed themselves from their bonds and raced down to the beach to rescue nearly fifty people who otherwise would have been consumed by the sea. Sensitively written and beautifully illustrated, Elephants of the Tsunami is a picture book for all ages, and a wonderful way to tell children about a frightening event without subjecting them to explicit images or traumatic language.</td>
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<th>Title: The Girl Who Wore Too Much</th>
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<td>Author: Margaret MacDonald</td>
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<td>Age Range: 5 - 8 years</td>
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<td>Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3</td>
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<td>Lexile Measure: 170L (What's this?)</td>
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<td>Hardcover: 32 pages</td>
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<td>Publisher: August House (December 29, 2005)</td>
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<td>Language: English, Thai</td>
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<td>ISBN-10: 0874835038</td>
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<td>Summary: Like most young girls, Aree likes fine clothing and jewelry. But she is just a wee bit spoiled and has more dresses and accessories than she needs. So when word comes of a dance to be held in the next village, Aree can't make up her mind: Now I can show off my fine clothes! But which color shall I wear? The pink, the fuchsia, the scarlet? The sky blue or aquamarine? Maybe violet? Deep purple? Magenta? Maybe chartreuse? Or emerald green?</td>
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Title: The Happiness of Kati  
Author: Jane Vejjajiva  
Age Range: 9 - 12 years  
Lexile Measure: 1020L (What's this?)  
Hardcover: 144 pages  
Publisher: Atheneum; Tra edition (May 9, 2006)  
Language: English  
ISBN-10: 1416917888  
Summary: A bestseller in Thailand, this poignant and beautifully written novel is the story of a 9-year-old girl whose mother is suffering from an incurable illness. Kati’s spirited response to the challenges she faces and the evocative Thai setting make this poetic novel especially memorable.