

# China: The New Superpower

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## Summary

This book is about the history of China and how it became a powerful nation.

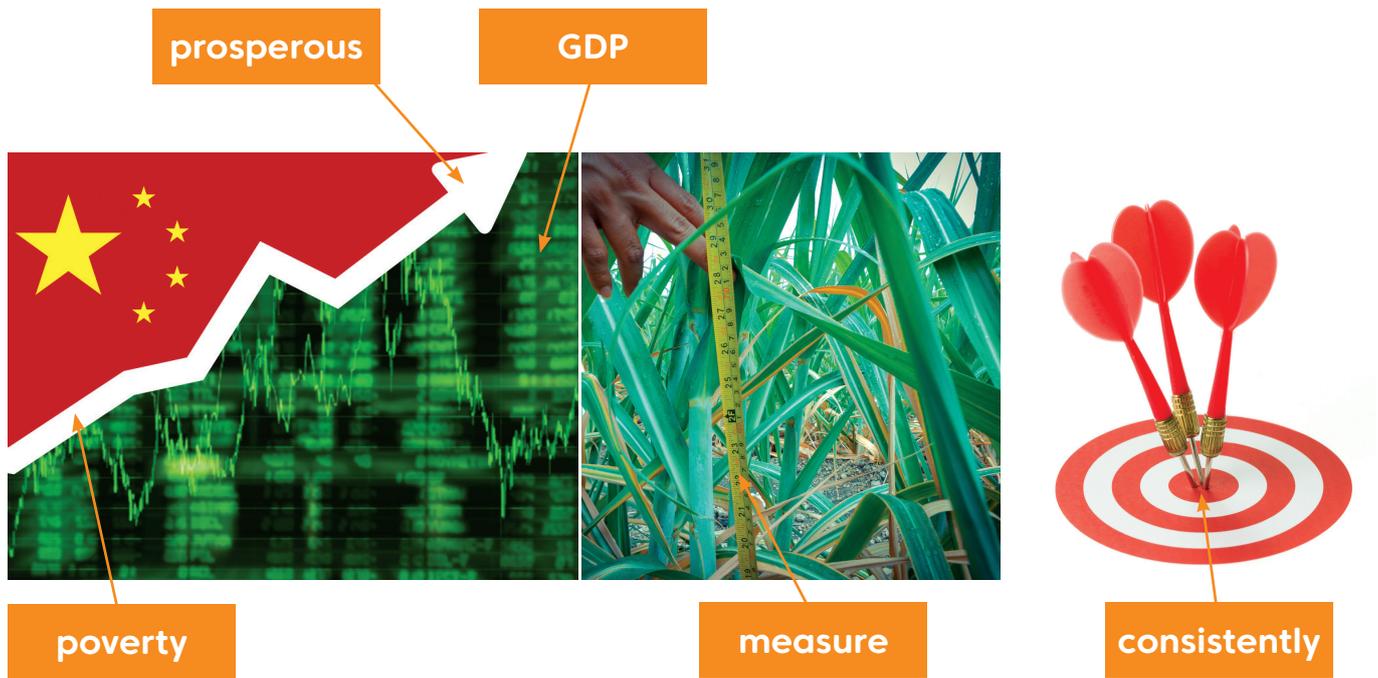
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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What do people experience when they have very little money?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What do we call people or countries when they have a lot of money?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What can you do with a ruler?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What determines the economic health of a country?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.

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• a. invader

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• b. friendship

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• c. prosperous

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• d. unrest

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• e. elders

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• f. planets

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• g. harmony

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• h. terrorism

**B Write the word for each definition.**

adequate      conquer      decent      mutual      golden age

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of a quality or level that is acceptable
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to take control of a country or city and its people by force
3. \_\_\_\_\_ shared by two or more
4. \_\_\_\_\_ equal to what is needed; good enough
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a period of time when everyone is happy or successful

**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. The ruler led the country for 10 years.  
 a. a century                      b. a decade                      c. a millennium                      d. a lifetime
2. They had a shared understanding.  
 a. mutual                      b. adequate                      c. decent                      d. consistent
3. How do you evaluate a country's success?  
 a. create                      b. conquer                      c. measure                      d. destroy
4. The countries worked together peacefully for a period of 100 years.  
 a. consistently                      b. in rebellion                      c. decently                      d. in harmony

# Comprehension

**A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.**

- a. Many U.S. products are actually made in Chinese factories.
- b. Chinese food can be found in many parts of the world.
- c. Confucius' philosophy and values are a deep part of Chinese culture.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Choose the best answer.**

1. What is the correct order of the dynasties?
  - a. Han, Tang, Song, Qing
  - b. Qing, Han, Tang, Song
  - c. Song, Tang, Qing, Han
  - d. Tang, Han, Song, Qing
  
2. What did the People's Republic of China put an end to?
  - a. Poverty
  - b. Imperial rule
  - c. Communism
  - d. Foreign trade
  
3. What race do 92% of Chinese people consider themselves to be?
  - a. Wei
  - b. Mongol
  - c. Han
  - d. Wu

**C** Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A Chinese businessman making a deal
- b. A Chinese tourist in France
- c. A picture of a Chinese passport and money
- d. A statue of Mao Zedong
- e. China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D** Read each sentence. Write "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ For most of its history, China has been united as one country.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ China has some of the best educated people on the planet.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Having been conquered by Mongols and the Japanese, the Chinese appreciated the diverse, cultural and political influence of foreigners.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Boxer Rebellion attempted to kick all foreigners out, but it failed.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Most countries define success by how happy its citizens are.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. One of China's Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence is mutual \_\_\_\_\_.  
unrest non-aggression
2. The period of success under the Tang dynasty is considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
golden age superior
3. In the early 600s, Wu became China's only \_\_\_\_\_.  
elder empress
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is one way to measure the wealth and economic well-being of a country.  
GDP Harmony
5. Though China has experienced rapid economic growth, it continues to deal with \_\_\_\_\_.  
invaders poverty

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Emperor Qin Shi Huang unites China.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ The Qing Dynasty is overthrown, and imperial rule is ended.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Mao Zedong declares the People's Republic of China.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ The Mongols conquer China.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ China becomes a superpower.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
China was the most advanced country in the world under the _____.	The _____ are a set of values that have risen from China's Confucian tradition and given the Chinese a sense of purpose and unity.	Mao Zedong declared the People's Republic of China in _____.	The first emperor to unite China required all high-ranking families to live in the capital of China at the time: _____.	With a stable political system and people who pride themselves in _____, China has become a world superpower.

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_

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Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_

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Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_

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