

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

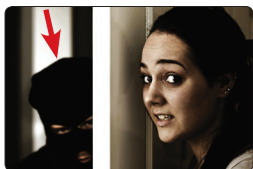
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• d. unrest

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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 _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.