

China’s First Empire: The Qin Dynasty

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Summary

This book is about the Qin Dynasty—both the good and the bad.

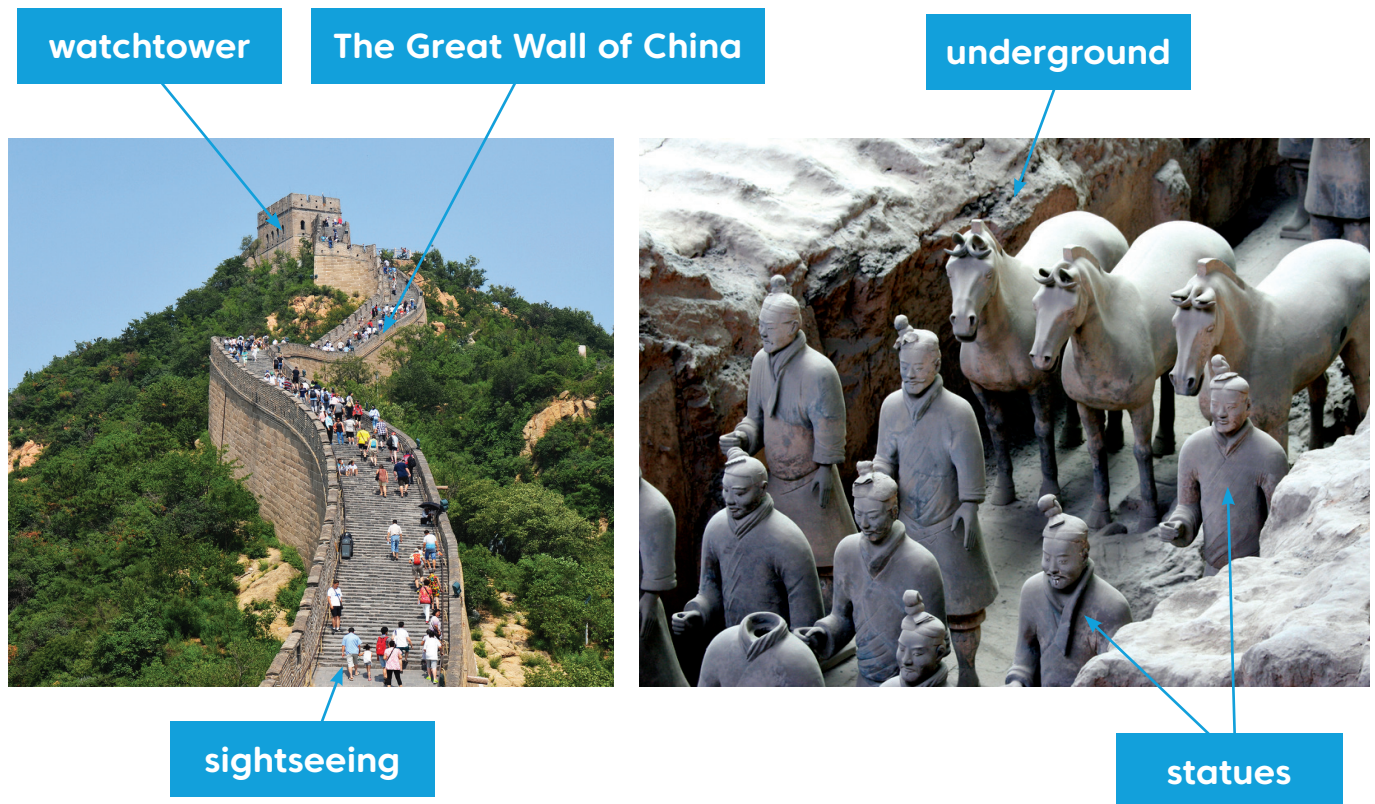
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What did guards along the Great Wall use to see invaders? _____
2. What are most people doing when they visit the Great Wall today? _____
3. What are the people and horses in the second picture called? _____
4. Where were these people and horses found? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. fake

2.



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• b. mercury

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• c. jewels

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• d. wagon

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• e. scholar

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• f. statue

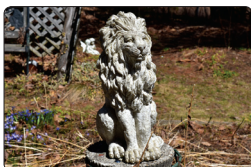
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• g. sightseeing

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• h. chariot

B Write the word for each definition.

evidence

messenger

ban

tomb

suicide

1. _____ the act of taking one's own life
2. _____ a person who carries news or information from one person to another
3. _____ a place or building to keep a dead person
4. _____ one or more reasons for believing that something is or is not true
5. _____ to forbid; to refuse to allow

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

1. The emperor sent many soldiers up the Yellow River to watch for foreign enemies.
 a. invaders b. scholars c. chariots d. messengers
2. The emperor built a fancy tomb for himself.
 a. fake b. underground c. grim d. fabulous
3. The uprising continued, and Xiang Yu destroyed Xianyang.
 a. dynasty b. sightseeing c. wagon d. rebellion
4. Under Qin Er Shi's rule, the people revolted and ran away.
 a. celebrated b. banned c. fled d. complained

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. King Ying Zheng became Emperor Qin Shi Huang in 221 BC.
- b. Many people died while building the Great Wall and its many watchtowers.
- c. Farmers digging a well found the terracotta warriors.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. How did Emperor Qin Shi Huang help his people?
 - a. By building the Great Wall
 - b. By banning books
 - c. By building water systems
 - d. All of the above
2. What describes Emperor Qin Shi Huang's tomb?
 - a. It is guarded by 8,000 terracotta warriors.
 - b. The ceiling is covered in gold and jewels.
 - c. There is a model of the empire inside.
 - d. All of the above
3. What did the emperor's son, Fusu, do when the emperor died?
 - a. He killed himself.
 - b. He brought food to the emperor's wagon.
 - c. He kept a cart of dried fish nearby.
 - d. All of the above

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

- a. Scholars refusing to surrender their books
- b. A Chinese book written on bamboo strips
- c. One of Qin Shi Huang's many palaces
- d. A tower from which guards could watch for attacks
- e. The burning of the banned books



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

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

1. _____ Real people do both good and bad things.
2. _____ Most people were well paid for their work building the Great Wall.
3. _____ Li Si wrote a law saying that only scholars were allowed to own books.
4. _____ Emperor Qin Shi Huang wanted his son, Fusu, to commit suicide.
5. _____ The people were unhappy under Qin Er Shi's rule.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Qin Shi Huang was the first emperor of China's first empire, the Qin Rebellion Dynasty.
2. Building the Great Wall was grim fabulous.
3. Anyone caught with a banned fake book would be put to death.
4. The model of the empire inside the emperor's tomb had rivers made of jewels mercury.
5. After the emperor died, servants still brought food to his watchtower wagon.

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

- a. _____ Huhai became Emperor Qin Er Shi.
- b. _____ King Ying Zheng won the last war and became Emperor Qin Shi Huang.
- c. _____ The people revolted, and neighboring rulers attacked the empire.
- d. _____ Han Fei said that people were getting ideas from books and criticizing the emperor.
- e. _____ Fearing his enemies would attack him, Qin Shi Huang built a wall.

Think About It

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

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ was the first emperor of the Qin Dynasty, China's first empire.	Real people sometimes do both _____ and bad things.	In the year _____, the war to control the other lands of China was won, and China received its first emperor.	Before the Qin Dynasty, different parts of _____ were ruled by different kings, but they were united under the Qin Dynasty.	The emperor was powerful, but he knew that he had _____ who would try to attack him.

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 _____

_____.