

Ancient China: A Journey Through Time

Learning objective: To assess knowledge and understanding of the Ancient Chinese civilisation, including the significance of major rivers, inventions, and the structure of society.

Read each question carefully. Write your answers in the spaces provided. Ensure you use full sentences for longer responses.

Ellie the elephant has been studying her scrolls to learn about Ancient China. She discovered that this civilisation began near the banks of the Yellow River. The people developed clever ways to farm, trade, and build. Emperors ruled over large areas, and famous inventions like paper and silk changed the world forever. The legacy of Ancient China is still felt today through the art, language, and structures they left behind.

Word bank: Yellow River · Dynasty · Silk Road · Emperor · Invention · Terracotta Army · Agriculture · Oracle Bones

1. Name the major river where the first Ancient Chinese civilisations settled. (1 mark)

2. What was the role of an Emperor in Ancient China? (2 marks)

3. List two inventions from Ancient China that are still used or known about today. (2 marks)

4. Why was the Silk Road important for the people of Ancient China? (3 marks)

5. Explain how the geography of Ancient China, such as mountains and rivers, helped or hindered the development of the civilisation. (4 marks)

6. The Terracotta Army was created to protect the first Emperor in the afterlife. Why might a leader want such a large monument built, and what does this tell us about their power? (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are a merchant travelling on the Silk Road. Write a short diary entry (approx. 80-100 words) describing the goods you are trading, the challenges of your journey, and why you are travelling so far from home. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a traditional Chinese dragon or a section of the Great Wall of China to show your understanding of Ancient Chinese architecture and symbolism.



Extension challenge: Total: /25