

Exploring Ancient China with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key features of Ancient Chinese civilisation by creating an annotated historical scene.

Use your knowledge of Ancient China to complete the drawing below. Make sure to include the important features listed in the word bank and label them clearly to show what you know about this fascinating period of history.

Draw: Draw a large landscape scene of Ancient China. In the background, draw the winding Great Wall stretching across the hills. In the foreground, draw a farmer working in a terraced rice paddy. To one side, draw a small group of statues representing the Terracotta Army. Finally, add a winding path to represent the Silk Road, and include a small scroll near the corner showing examples of calligraphy characters.



Label words: Great Wall · Terracotta Army · Silk Road · Calligraphy · Dynasty · Rice Paddy

Steps:

1. Why was the Great Wall of China built? Write one reason below.
2. What was the main purpose of the Silk Road? Explain in your own words.
3. List two items that were traded along the Silk Road.
4. Choose one feature from your drawing and describe why it was important to the Ancient Chinese people.

5. What is the name of the art of beautiful handwriting used in Ancient China?