

Exploring Ancient China with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To structure an informative report about the achievements and daily life of Ancient China.

Use this writing frame to help you organise your research. Think about what you have learned about the dynasties, inventions, and the importance of the rivers. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

Ancient China was a remarkable civilisation that developed thousands of years ago along the banks of the mighty Yellow River.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition · however · for instance · civilisation · dynasty · significant · agriculture · innovation

1. Introduction: What is the most fascinating thing about Ancient China and why was it important? Start by saying: 'Ancient China is famous for...' (2 marks)

2. The Rivers and Farming: How did the geography of China help people to live there? Start by saying: 'The Yellow and Yangtze rivers were essential because...' (2 marks)

3. Inventions and Discoveries: Describe one major invention (like paper, silk, or the compass) and how it changed the world. Start by saying: 'One incredible invention from this time was...' (3 marks)

4. Life in the Dynasties: What was it like to live under an Emperor? Start by saying: 'Life in Ancient China was often controlled by the Emperor, who...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why Ancient China still matters today. Start by saying: 'In conclusion, the legacy of Ancient China is still seen today because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research one piece of ancient Chinese art or pottery. Write a short paragraph describing the patterns and colours Zara the zebra might choose if she were painting a replica today.