

Ellie's Ancient China Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and record key historical features of Ancient China, including its geography, inventions, and daily life.

Help Ellie the elephant learn about the past! Use your library books or classroom history resources to fill in the boxes below. Make sure to use your best handwriting and include as many historical facts as you can find.

Word bank: Dynasty · Emperor · Silk Road · Great Wall · Invention · Terracotta · Agriculture · Oracle Bones

1. Geographical Features: Describe the rivers and landscape of Ancient China. Why were these important for early settlers? (3 marks)

2. The Emperor and Dynasties: Explain what a dynasty is and name one famous Chinese Emperor or dynasty you have discovered. (3 marks)

3. Amazing Inventions: Choose two inventions from Ancient China (e.g., paper, gunpowder, the compass). How did these change the world? (4 marks)

4. Trade and Travel: What was the Silk Road, and what kinds of goods were traded along these routes? (3 marks)

5. Daily Life: What was life like for a farmer or a craftsperson in Ancient China? How does this compare to life today? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a merchant travelling on the Silk Road. Write a short journal entry (3-4 sentences) describing one item you are carrying to trade and the scenery you see along the way.