

Ancient China: Ellie's Historical Expedition

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the achievements and daily life of the Ancient Chinese civilisation.

Join Ellie the elephant as she travels back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient China! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Paper, 5.B, 6.Silk, 7.True, 8.B, 9.Huang He, 10.A. Ellie's historical facts: Ancient China was ruled by powerful emperors. The Great Wall was built for protection. The invention of paper changed history forever. The Silk Road helped trade between different countries. The Huang He is often called the Yellow River.

Word bank: Dynasty · Silk · Emperor · Terracotta · Great Wall · Paper · Huang He · Compass

1. 1. What was the name of the protective barrier built to keep invaders out of Ancient China? A) The Stone Fence B) The Iron Gate C) The Great Wall* D) The Ancient Border (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Ancient China was ruled by an Emperor. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Ancient Chinese people never invented anything useful for writing. (1 mark)

4. 4. What precious fabric, produced by caterpillars, was a major trade item in Ancient China? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which river is known as the 'cradle of Chinese civilisation'? A) The Nile B) The Huang He* C) The Amazon D) The Thames (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Ancient Chinese inventors were the first to create _____ to make writing easier. (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: The Terracotta Army was built to protect the tomb of the first Emperor. (1 mark)

8. 8. What was the main purpose of the Silk Road? A) To hold parades B) To trade goods between regions* C) To store water D) To grow rice (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the one-word name for a line of rulers from the same family in Ancient China? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these was a famous invention from Ancient China? A) Compass* B) The steam engine C) The lightbulb D) The bicycle (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a section of the Great Wall of China winding over the hills, or draw a beautiful piece of pottery decorated with traditional Chinese patterns.



Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know more! Research one invention from Ancient China and write three sentences explaining how it made life easier for people in the past.