

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 organise your research. Write in full sentences and remember to use your best handwriting. Ellie the Elephant says: 'Remember to check your facts and use subheadings to keep your report clear!'

Ancient China was a fascinating civilisation that flourished thousands of years ago, leaving behind a legacy that still shapes our world today.

Word bank: dynasty · civilisation · archaeology · furthermore · consequently · in addition · traditionally · significant · innovative · the Yellow River

1. The Origins of Ancient China: Where did the first civilisations settle and why was the river important? Start your paragraph with: 'The earliest settlements in Ancient China were established along the banks of...' (2 marks)

2. The Role of Dynasties: Who were the rulers and how did they control the empire? Start your paragraph with: 'Ancient China was ruled by powerful families known as dynasties, such as...' (2 marks)

3. Inventions and Discoveries: What are some famous things invented in Ancient China? Start your paragraph with: 'One of the most significant contributions from Ancient China was the invention of...' (2 marks)

4. Daily Life and Beliefs: What was life like for a farmer or a craftsperson? Start your paragraph with: 'Daily life for most people in Ancient China revolved around...' (2 marks)

5. The Silk Road: Why was this trade route so important for the world? Start your paragraph with: 'The Silk Road was an essential network of trade routes that allowed...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research the Terracotta Army and write a short paragraph explaining why Emperor Qin Shi Huang might have wanted them built.