

# Exploring Ancient China with Ellie the Elephant

*Learning objective: To describe life in Ancient China and key inventions using a structured writing frame.*

Use the prompts below to help you write about Ancient China. Ellie the Elephant has remembered some great facts to help you! Read the opening sentence and then complete each section.

Long ago, the people of Ancient China built a great civilisation near the banks of the Yellow River.

*Word bank: Long ago · In addition · Because · Also · However · Finally · The River · Inventions · Dynasty*

**1. The River: Where did the people live and why was the river important? Start your sentence with: People lived near the river because... (2 marks)**

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**2. Daily Life: What did the people do for work? Start your sentence with: Most people in Ancient China worked as... (2 marks)**

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**3. Great Inventions: What did they invent? Start your sentence with: One famous invention from Ancient China was... (2 marks)**

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**4. The Emperor: Who was in charge? Start your sentence with: The Emperor was the leader who... (2 marks)**

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*Extension challenge: Can you draw a picture of a silk robe or a piece of pottery from Ancient China and label it with one sentence?*