

Ancient China Discovery Cards with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about the history and achievements of Ancient China.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of Ancient China. Read the question on the front, try to answer it, then check the answer provided after the pipe symbol.

What is a 'Dynasty' in the context of Ancient China?

A series of rulers from the same family who hold power for many years.

Who was the first Emperor of a unified China?

Qin Shi Huang.

What was the main purpose of the Great Wall of China?

To protect the empire from invasions by nomadic groups from the north.

What was the 'Silk Road'?

A vast network of trade routes that connected China with the West, allowing goods like silk, spices, and paper to be traded.

What famous set of clay statues was created to protect Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife?

The Terracotta Army.

Name three major inventions from Ancient China.

Paper, the compass, and gunpowder.

What was the primary material that made Ancient China wealthy and famous for trade?

Silk.

Who was Confucius and why was he important?

A famous philosopher whose teachings about respect, family, and education shaped Chinese society for centuries.

What were 'Oracle Bones' used for in the Shang Dynasty?

They were used by priests to try and predict the future or answer important questions from the gods.

What major river system was the 'cradle' of Ancient Chinese civilisation?

The Yellow River (Huang He).

Why was the invention of paper so important for the development of history?

It made it much easier and cheaper to write down records, stories, and maps, helping knowledge spread.

What title is given to the absolute ruler of an ancient Chinese empire?

Emperor.