

Ancient China: Fact-File Template

Learning objective: To research and record key historical features of Ancient Chinese civilisation, including the significance of rivers and the development of inventions.

Join Ellie the Elephant on an expedition through history! Use your school library or trusted reference books to complete this fact-file about Ancient China. Write in full sentences, ensuring your facts are accurate and neatly presented.

Word bank: Dynasty · Emperor · Yellow River · Silk Road · Invention · Terracotta · Philosophy · Civilisation

1. Geography: Which major river was central to the development of early Chinese civilisation and why was it important for farming? (3 marks)

2. The Emperor's Rule: Explain what a 'dynasty' is and name one famous dynasty from Ancient Chinese history. (2 marks)

3. Inventions: Ancient China is famous for many clever inventions. Choose one (such as paper, the compass, or gunpowder) and explain how it changed the world. (3 marks)

4. Trade and Travel: What was the Silk Road, and why was it so significant for connecting Ancient China to the rest of the world? (3 marks)

5. Legacy: If you could visit one site or object from Ancient China (like the Great Wall or the Terracotta Army), which would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a traditional Chinese festival, such as the Lunar New Year. Write a short paragraph explaining how it is celebrated and what the traditions symbolise.