Ancient China: Fact-File Explorer

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of life, governance, and innovation in Ancient China.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a historical expedition! Use your research skills to complete this fact-file. Write clearly and remember to focus on the specific achievements and social structures of the period.

Word bank: Dynasty · Emperor · Terracotta · Silk Road · Invention · Philosophy · Agriculture · Architecture

1. The Dynasties: Describe the role of an Emperor in Ancient China and how one dynasty might differ from another. (3 marks)

2. Key Inventions: Choose two important inventions from Ancient China (such as paper, the compass, or gunpowder) and explain how they changed the world. (4 marks)

3. The Silk Road: Explain what the Silk Road was and why it was vital for trade and the sharing of culture. (3 marks)

4. Daily Life: Describe the life of a typical farmer or artisan during this time. What did they produce and what were their homes like? (3 marks)

5. Historical Legacy: Why do historians believe the discovery of the Terracotta Army is significant for our understanding of the Qin Dynasty? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a merchant travelling along the Silk Road. Write a short journal entry (50-70 words) describing one item you are carrying to trade and one challenge you faced on your journey.