Ancient China Discovery Flashcards

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

Use these cards to test your knowledge of Ancient China. Read the question on the front, try to answer it, then check the back for the correct information.

What is a 'dynasty'?	A series of rulers from the same family who govern a country over many years.
Which famous defensive structure was built to protect the northern borders of Ancient China?	The Great Wall of China.
What was the name of the trade route that connected Ancient China to the Mediterranean world?	The Silk Road.
Who was the first Emperor to unite China and order the creation of the Terracotta Army?	Qin Shi Huang.
Name three major inventions from Ancient China that changed the world.	Paper, the compass, and gunpowder.
Which two major rivers were essential for the development of early Chinese civilisation?	The Yellow River (Huang He) and the Yangtze River.
What valuable fabric, kept as a secret for centuries, was exported by China to the West?	Silk.
Why was the Terracotta Army built?	It was created to protect Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife.
What was the main purpose of the Civil Service examinations in Ancient China?	To select the most intelligent and capable officials to work for the government.
What is the name of the traditional writing system used in Ancient China?	Chinese characters (or logograms).