



CHINA

Kung Fu Panda is set in Ancient China. China has a fascinating history and archaeologists are discovering more about it even now.



RULERS

Qin Shihuangdi was the First Emperor of China. He united China and stopped the wars between the city states. Qin Shihuangdi created the role of Emperor for himself, he wanted to achieve eternal life and rule forever. Future rulers of China then took on the title of Emperor.

TIMELINE

The history of Ancient China is recorded in Dynasties. A Dynasty is a series of rulers who come from the same family or associated with that family.



BELIEFS

Qin Shihuangdi believed that if he could not live forever he could still rule in the after-life once he died. Therefore he had thousands of terracotta statues made to make up an army that would protect him in the after-life. He also had statues of officials, musicians and acrobats buried with him so they could serve and entertain him in the spirit world.

ARTEFACTS

The terracotta warriors were discovered in 1974, surrounding the Qin Shihuangdi's tomb. The figures have solid legs and hollow bodies, each with different combinations of facial features, facial hair, and headgear, which make them unique. There is evidence that shows they were brightly painted at the time. Some of the figures have recently been exhibited in London.



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TASKS

What ancient civilisation are you learning about? Egypt? Greece? Rome? The Indus Valley?

Research the same areas you've read about for Ancient China and write your own report. Compare your chosen civilisation with Ancient China. Choose one other area to write about.

I am learning about... _____

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