

UNIT 2 >>> History – China and the Great Wall

1 Pre-reading

How much do you know about China? Do the China quiz below. If you don't know an answer, just guess. When you have finished, search the internet to check your answers, or use a website like this one: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13017882>.

China Quiz



- 1 When did Kublai Khan establish the Yuan Dynasty in China?
a 1171 b 1271 c 1371
- 2 By what name is China officially known?
a Democratic Republic of China
b People's Republic of China
c United People's Republic of China
- 3 What is the name of the capital of China today?
a Beijing b Peking c Shanghai
- 4 What is the main language of China?
a Cantonese b Mandarin c Hakka
- 5 What is the internet domain for China?
a .ch b .chn c .cn
- 6 What is the name of China's most famous communist leader?
a Chairman Mao b Chairman Hunan c Mr Lu
- 7 In which year did China land their robotic rover (Jade Rabbit) on the moon?
a 1993 b 2003 c 2013
- 8 When did the Communist Party come to power in China?
a 1949 b 1959 c 1969

2 Reading

The Great Wall of China was built to protect China from invasion from the North. It is one of the most popular tourist destinations in China. Search the internet or use websites like these to complete the factfile: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/greatwall> or www.activityvillage.co.uk/the_great_wall_of_china.htm.

The Great Wall of China

FACTFILE

- 1 Chinese name: Wan-Li Qang-Qeng
- 2 English translation:
- 3 How long it has been there:
- 4 First wall built by:
- 5 Current wall built during:
Dynasty
- 6 Location of the wall:
- 7 Constructed by:
- 8 Number of people believed to have died whilst constructing the wall:
- 9 Made of:
- 10 Visible from the moon or space:

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3 A tour guide

You are a tour guide and are leading a trekking holiday along a 100km section of the wall for a group of students. You are meeting the students before the trip to give them some important information. Plan what you are going to say, using the topics below. Search the internet or use websites like this one to find useful information about Chinese culture and history: <http://www.cultural-china.com>.

- History of the Great Wall
- Culture (language/food/society) – differences they are likely to notice between their culture and Chinese culture
- Geography – the location of the Great Wall and surrounding landscape
- What the students will need to take with them