

# Chestnut and Holly Home Learning Pack



The Great Wall of China

L.I: To conduct research into The Great Wall of China

Watch the video on the link below and/or use the information sheet in this pack to find the following information out about The Great Wall of China. Record your findings in note form on the worksheet provided.

Use these videos to help with your research.

[Great Wall of China for Kids | Facts Video for Children - YouTube](#)

[The History of the Great Wall of China for Kids - FreeSchool - YouTube](#)

[What makes the Great Wall of China so extraordinary - Megan Campisi and Pen-Pen Chen - YouTube](#)

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The Great Wall of China is an ancient series of walls and fortifications, totaling more than 13,000 miles in length, located in northern China. Perhaps the most recognizable symbol of China and its long

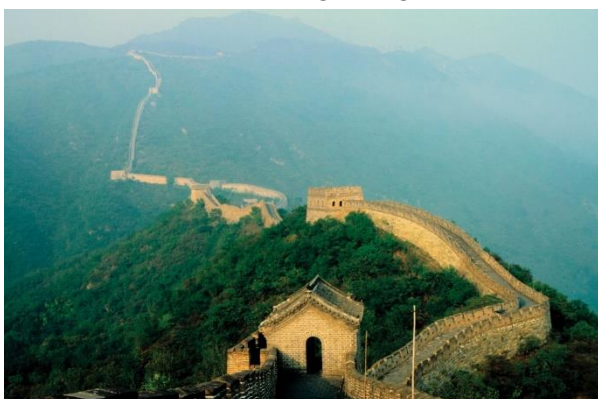
and vivid history, the Great Wall was originally conceived by Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the third century B.C. as



a means of preventing incursions from barbarian nomads. The best-known and best-preserved section of the Great Wall was built in the 14th through 17th centuries A.D., during the Ming dynasty. Though the Great Wall never effectively prevented invaders from entering China, it came to function as a powerful symbol of Chinese civilization's enduring strength.

## Construction

Construction of the "Wan Li Chang Cheng," or 10,000-Li-Long Wall, was one of the most ambitious building projects ever undertaken by any civilization. The famous Chinese general Meng



Tian initially directed the project, and was said to have used a massive army of soldiers, convicts and commoners as workers.

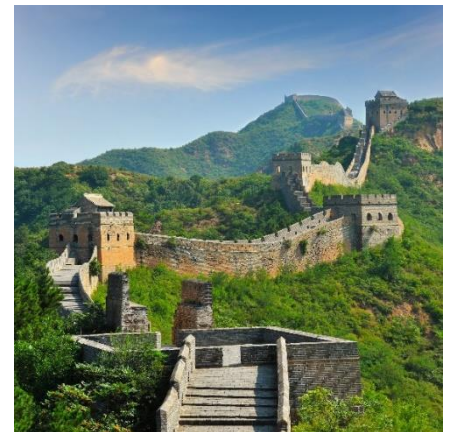
Made mostly of earth and stone, the wall stretched from the China Sea port of Shanhaiguan over 3,000

miles west into Gansu province. In some strategic areas, sections of the wall overlapped for maximum security (including the Badaling stretch, north of Beijing, that was later restored during the Ming Dynasty).

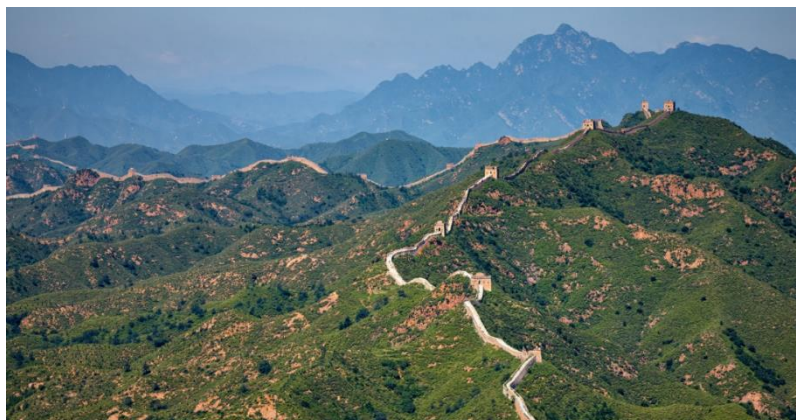
From a base of 15 to 50 feet, the Great Wall rose some 15–30 feet high and was topped by ramparts 12 feet or higher; guard towers were distributed at intervals along it.

### Significance of The Great Wall of China

Today, the Great Wall is generally recognised as one of the most impressive architectural feats in human history. In 1987, UNESCO designated the Great Wall a World Heritage site, and a popular claim that emerged in the 20th century holds that it is the only manmade structure that is visible from space.



Over the years, roadways have been cut through the wall in various points, and many sections have deteriorated after centuries of neglect. The best-known section of the Great Wall of China – Badaling, located 43 miles (70 km) northwest of Beijing – was rebuilt in the late 1950s, and attracts thousands of national and foreign tourists every day.





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Name of wonder	
Date built	
Country	
What is it built from?	
Size	
Why was it built?	
Other interesting facts	







L.I: To plot the '7 Wonders of the New World' on a map



This will appear in every pack but you only need to complete one map.

For every wonder that you research and you write about, plot where they are on the world map. Don't forget to label them!

You can include this in your non-fiction book.

