

Guided Reading Activity



The First Chinese Empires

Lesson 2 *The Qin Unify China*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: In 221 B.C. the Qin ruler defeated competitors in China and created a new dynasty.

1. What qualities was Qin Shihuangdi said to have?

2. How did Qin Shihuangdi eliminate possible rivals and gain tax revenues for the central government?

3. What artistic legacy did Qin Shihuangdi leave behind?

4. How much of his empire's wealth did Qin Shihuangdi spend on preparations for his afterlife?

B. Main Idea: Qin Shihuangdi connected smaller expanses of wall to create the Great Wall of China.

1. Why did Qin Shihuangdi develop the Great Wall, and where did he build it?

2. What was the extent of the Great Wall during the Qin dynasty?

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C. **Main Idea:** The Qin emperor adopted Legalism and thus dramatically changed Chinese politics.

1. How was the Qin dynasty administered?

2. When did Qin Shihuangdi die, and when was the Qin dynasty overthrown?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

Describe the political, social, and economic changes that took place during the Qin dynasty.
