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## Get to Know: China

China has more people than any other country. In fact, about 20 percent of the world's population lives in this large Asian country. China is also one of the world's oldest countries, with a rich history that stretches over thousands of years. How much do you know about this country and its culture and history? Set off on a webquest to explore China and find out!

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*Find the answers to the questions below by using the "Search" tool to search key words.  
Since this activity is about China, you can start by searching the key word "China."*

*Write the answers on the lines provided or below the question.*

1. The capital of China is \_\_\_\_\_, which is also spelled \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Over 90 percent of China's people live in the \_\_\_\_\_ half of China.
3. The Chinese call their country \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_.
4. China's government is dominated by the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ Party.
5. China is one of the world's oldest living civilizations. Its written history goes back about \_\_\_\_\_ years.
6. China's land ranges subarctic regions in the \_\_\_\_\_ to tropical lowlands in the \_\_\_\_\_ and from fertile plains in the \_\_\_\_\_ to deserts in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**\*Users of the Advanced database can find extension activities at the end of this webquest.**

7. Chinese *calligraphy* (fine handwriting) has long been closely linked with the arts of

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Two of the world's longest rivers, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, flow eastward across China.

9. Major religions throughout most of China's history include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

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## True or False

Write "True" if the statement about China is correct. If the statement is not correct, write "False" and correct the statement in the space below.

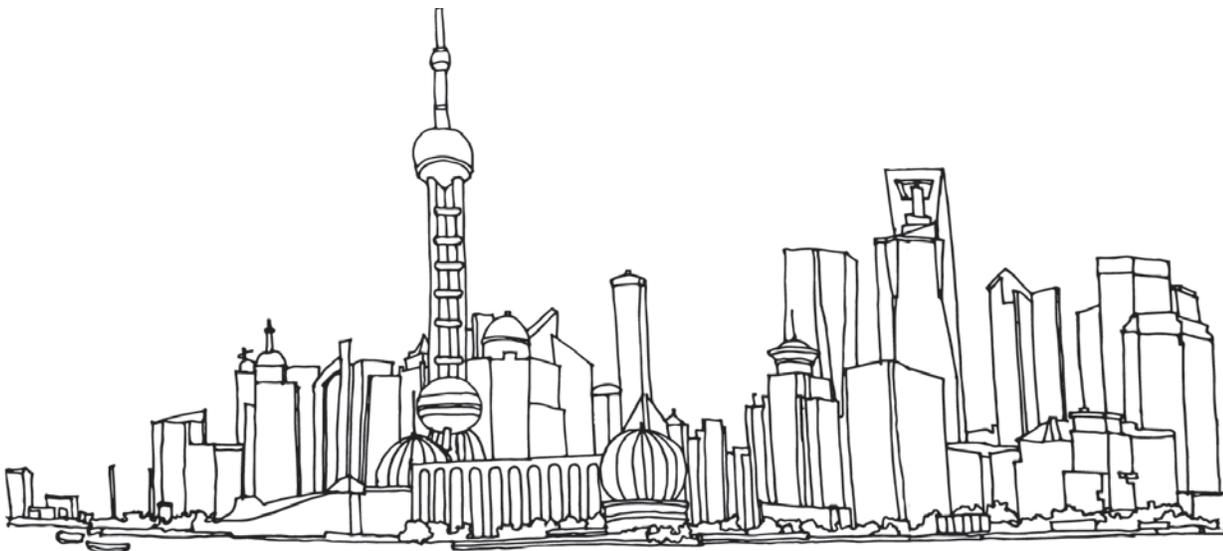
\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Shanghai is China's largest city.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Twenty Chinese cities each have more than a million people.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. In the 200's B.C., the Han dynasty formed the first united Chinese empire.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Most of China's people belong to the Han nationality.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. The di, pipa, qin, sheng, and xiao are types of traditional Chinese musical instruments.



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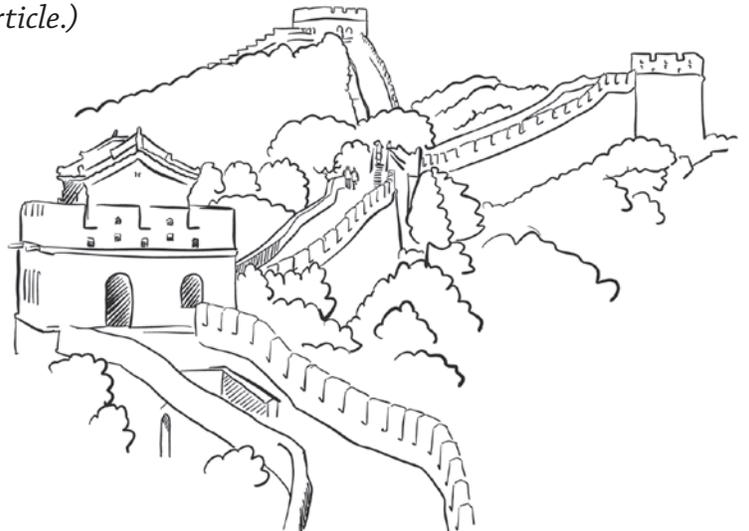
15. What do people in China eat for breakfast?
16. Why do many economists consider China to be a developing country even though it has one of the world's largest economies in terms of gross domestic product (GDP)?
17. What are some livestock that are raised by Chinese farmers?
18. Look at the map "China–Ethnic Groups." In which part of China do the Kazakhs and Uyghurs live?
19. What was the purpose of the Great Leap Forward? What did the Great Leap Forward do to China's economy?

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## Chinese Dynasties

*In the line provided, write when each of these dynasties ruled China. (Hint: For this question see the "Important dates in China" table in the "China" article.)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Qin dynasty
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Han dynasty
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Song dynasty
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Ming dynasty
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Qing dynasty



25. What is the length of the main portion of the Great Wall of China that exists today? (Hint: For this question see the "Great Wall of China" article.)
26. What do the five stars on China's flag represent? (Hint: For this question see the "China flag" article.)

27. In ancient China, what did the Chinese New Year festival mark? (Hint: For this question see the “Chinese New Year” article.)
28. What is the terra-cotta army of Xi’an? (Hint: For this question see the “Terra-cotta army of Xi’an” article.)
29. What is the Forbidden City and how did it get its name? (Hint: For this question see the “Forbidden City” article.)
30. Who was Shi Huangdi? (Hint: For this question see the “Shi Huangdi” article.)
31. How long is the Grand Canal and when did construction of the canal begin? (Hint: For this question see the “Grand Canal” article.)
32. The giant panda lives in central China. How much bamboo can a giant panda eat in one day? (Hint: For this question see the “Panda” article.)

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## Map It!

*Within the “China” article, you will find the map “Economy in China.” Study the map and answer the following questions.*

33. Name five mineral products that are mined in China.
34. Name five crops that are farmed in China.
35. China produces more tea than any other country. According to the map, in which part of China is tea grown?

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## Timeline

Put the events of China's history in order of when they happened. (Hint: For this question see the "History" section of the "China" article.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Mongol leader Kublai Khan established the Yuan dynasty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Millions of Chinese died in the Taiping Rebellion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. The Zhou people established a dynasty that ruled for nearly 800 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. Communists in China launched the Great Leap Forward.
- \_\_\_\_\_ E. The great philosopher Confucius proposed new moral standards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ F. China regained control of Hong Kong from the United Kingdom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ G. Mao Zedong proclaimed the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
- \_\_\_\_\_ H. The emperor Shi Huangdi began construction of the Great Wall of China.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I. Hundreds of Westerners and Chinese Christians were killed in the Boxer Rebellion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ J. The Manchus established the Qing dynasty.



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## Extension Activity 1

Imagine that you are a travel agent who wants to promote your new vacation spot – China! Create a travel brochure for prospective travelers that includes pictures and descriptions. Below are suggested topics to include in your brochure:

1. The kind of climate and environment the travelers should expect to experience.
2. The recreational activities the travelers might try.
3. The kinds of foods the travelers will eat.
4. The tourist sites the travelers will want to visit.
5. The animals and plants that the travelers will see.

Use your imagination, but make sure that the information is accurate.

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## Extension Activity 2

Pretend that you were born in China in 1912, the year the Republic of China was established. It's 2017, and your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are planning a 105<sup>th</sup> birthday party for you. Write a speech to give at the celebration, telling your family about three of the most amazing events or changes you've seen during your lifetime. Explain how these events or changes impacted and improved (or did not improve) your daily life. (Hint: For this activity see the "History" section of the "China" article.)

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## Extension Activity 3

Be a researcher! Choose a person mentioned in the "Related Information" tab of the "China" article. Use a key-word search to find the World Book Encyclopedia articles on that person. Write a report on that person and his or her accomplishments.

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