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Great Wall of China

Wonders of the Medieval World

If you build a wall in your backyard, your family might be impressed. If, like the Chinese, you build a wall that is nearly four thousand miles long and can be spotted from space, the whole world will be impressed.

Around the 7th century BC, several Chinese feudal states began constructing their own separate walls made mostly of stone, brick and wood. The walls were built to keep out the dangerous nomadic groups that preyed on unprotected villages. During the Qin and Ming dynasties, the Chinese people began to connect all the separate walls into the massive structure that it is today. It almost goes without saying that the Great Wall of China, as confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records, is still the longest wall in the world.



Question & Answer:

1. Why do you think the Chinese decided to connect all their walls into one giant wall?

2. What would be the advantage of such a tiring project? Can you think of any disadvantages?

Word Search:

D R G S T C N A E R Q D T
 E A N U F M T H N S A E A
 R B L S I I V K R T B N B
 O R A G R N S N G E K D O
 B I V B V G N O M A D I C
 A C U A D N U E H B T C R
 F K S N B R A E S S R D S
 F E U D A L B Y N S K N Q

Vocabulary

feudal Social economic government and class system.

Ming A family dynasty of king from China.

Guinness World record book.

nomadic Live moving from place to place.

brick Building material.

Tip: → ↓ ↘

Fill In The Blank:

Choose the correct answer from the word list given on the previous activity.

- The Great Wall of China began during the Qin and _____ dynasties when the Chinese people started to connect all the separate walls in their villages.
- This massive structure was constructed in order to protect the villagers from the dangerous _____ groups that try to conquer their lands.
- The _____ Book of World Records, which declared the Great Wall of China as the longest wall in the world, is known for keeping track of all kinds of statistics and is updated annually.
- In the early 7th century BC, Chinese feudal states used stone, _____ and wood to build their own separate walls.
- _____ states follow a military hierarchy in which a ruler or lord offers mounted fighters a unit of land to control in exchange for a military service.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Wall of China is the longest man-made structure found anywhere in the world.