

Popularity of coins in ancient china

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Coins have been around for a long time, since the 600's B.C. They have a small square taken out of the middle so the government knows that it's an official minted coin. The coins were made out of a mixture of copper, silver, and gold. They were made in many different shapes. Some in the shape of keys, but mostly just round like ours today. They were needed to buy food, seed to grow crops, and tools.

When the first coins were invented they spread from china to Europe. When people moved from china to Europe they took their money with them thinking that they could use it in Europe but they were wrong. Europe only had paper money but with all of the Chinese moving the government had to change so they copied their coins but made them in such a way to make them their own.

The coins also had more than one value. The bigger the coin, the bigger the value of the coin. There are only three different values. One for small things they needed for themselves and toys. One for food and tools they needed for working in the fields. And one value for buying pieces of land.

Coins are still used in china today but aren't the same coins. They are more formal and smaller for easier handling. The coins are like the ones we have here in the U.S but look different so the government knows it's an official coin.

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The coins used in ancient china during the 600's

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