

The Great Wall of China

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Have you ever wondered about the Great Wall that spreads out over China or what it was made to do?

This wall was ordered to be made by China's first Emperor Shi Huangdi, All of his workers and farmers worked to build the Great Wall can be found in North China. Well it was built in 208 B.C. the wall stands 4,500 miles long. The main part of the wall was 2,500 miles long The highest part was 35 feet tall.

The Great Wall of China was intended to stop Mongol Barbarians from invading the Qin Dynasty. The Great Wall no longer serves for defense because it was successful,

Instead, it attracts many visitors.



(People are visiting the Great Wall in this picture)

In the making of the Great Wall the wall was on top of the steepest slopes to ensure no man could climb over. The wall was held in place with bamboo poles the workers chopped heavy rocks into the shape of bricks and hefted them up in place. Although many of the workers worked day and night, most of them lived out their lives making the wall. There were no breaks so anyone caught resting or

trying to escape from working was buried alive under the Wall, which also made it the world's largest cemetery.

Many of China's new Emperors have improved the wall the last improvement was made in 1644

The Great Wall was started by little walls that were spread across China but when it was known that the walls weren't working the ancient Chinese combined these walls together to create the wall no one could pass getting rid of the threat of the Mongols. It took 12 long years to make this wall but seeing as this was the longest thing they have ever built this came as a surprise and the Chinese were proud and thought 12 years not to be that long for such an achievement.

In conclusion, Shi Huangdi built the Great Wall of China to protect his empire from Mongol invasions the wall holds the bodies of most who helped build it and it worked for a long time.

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