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ASSIGNMENT

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Re: Ancient China Project

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We at National Geographic not only publish a magazine, but also create maps, videos, and other educational tools. We are planning on creating a unique learning guide about Ancient China for Year 3 children and are looking for your help.

Though you will be given some webpages to explore, you will need to use your homework book and the internet to obtain an adequate amount of information to complete this project. You will need to pick at least two tasks. Pick a third task if you would like to challenge yourself.

As with all magazine articles, we are on a tight schedule and your deadline to show your work will be **Friday 14th February when parents and children will present their projects to the class. All work is expected to be presented to a very High standard!**

### **TASK 1: ANCIENT CHINESE GEOGRAPHY**

You will be researching the geography of Ancient China and preparing the following for the magazine:

#### **Part I: Political Map of Ancient China**

The purpose of this map is to show early sites of civilization. The land should be all one colour so that the labelling is easier to read.

Include the following in your map.

\*Anyang, \*Luoyang, \*Xi'an, \*Beijing, \*Changsha, \*Guangzhou

As well as the major bodies of water and countries bordering China

#### **Part II: Terrain Map of Ancient China**

The purpose of this map is to show geographical features and the shape of the land.

1. Huang-He (Yellow River) 2. Yangtze (Chang Jiang) River 3. Yellow Sea 4. East China Sea 5. South China Sea 6. Himalayan Mountains 7. Mt. Everest 8. Identify the 4 main geographical regions of China: \*the subarctic regions in the north, \*the fertile plains in the east, \*the desert in the west and \*the tropical lowlands in the south

### **Part III: Famous Site Visits**

You must research one site important to the development of China. Then write a description of the site using original language (don't just copy words down)  
Include an original picture of the site.

## **TASK 2: ANCIENT CHINESE PHILOSOPHIES**

### **Part I: Philosophy Posters**

Create a picture and table portraying one of the Four Philosophies of the Hundred Schools of the Zhou Dynasty (Daoism, Moism, Confucianism, Legalism). Include written explanations of why you chose to portray these beliefs the way you did.

### **Part II: Real Life Problems - How would each behave?**

Using your research, you will prepare a response to two situations. Create a table to describe how a follower from each philosophy would view or handle the problem.

Problem #1 - A student knows that they did not do their homework. Their parents will now have to have a meeting with the Headteacher. They know they will be in trouble when their parents find out. How do they handle the situation?

Problem #2 - A student's friend is stealing and is trying to get their friend to steal too. How do they handle this situation?

## **TASK 3: ANCIENT DYNASTIES**

Create a timeline with the Dynasties listed below. Each team member must research one of the four dynasties and create that section of the timeline. You must also include facts about the achievements and/or characteristics of each dynasty on the timeline - so plan carefully. Include illustrations. Present it creatively! A high standard is expected!

Shang Dynasty

Zhou (Chou) Dynasty (Time of Confucius)

Qin Dynasty (pronounced "chin")

Han Dynasty

## **TASK 4: ANCIENT CHINESE INVENTIONS**

**Pick three tasks from this section.**

### **Part I: Silk Making**

The Chinese were the first people in the world to make silk, and for hundreds of years they kept the methods of silk production secret from the rest of the world. You must present the basic steps (6 or 7) in silk production using sequential illustrations with explanations included. We would then like you to create a design for your piece of silk and, if possible, then paint it on a piece of silk. This is very tricky. Take photos of your learning journey.

### **Part II: Paper Making**

Ts'ai Lun is credited for creating paper as we know it. Using the Internet to help, create your own piece of paper. Can you include petals or leaves in your piece of paper?

### **Part III: The Seismograph**

This invention is very important as it saves lives. You must write a paragraph explanation of what a seismograph does. In addition, draw a picture of the first Chinese seismograph (hint-it has frogs in it) and include a description of how this ancient invention worked.

### **Part IV: The Discovery of Bronze**

The discovery of Bronze by Shang craftworkers completely changed this civilization. Research this discovery, write a newspaper article detailing the discovery and its implications for the Chinese people.

### **Part V: Pottery**

The Shang dynasty were famous for their pottery craftsmanship. Paint your own piece of pottery using ancient patterns such as the Willow pattern. You could visit a pottery café to do this or you could use sharpies on a plain white plate, cup or jug.

## **TASK 5: THE GREAT WALL**

The Great Wall was built during three different dynasties. Research The Great Wall during one of the periods. Then create a map of China showing the Great Wall. The map must also include important facts and descriptions relating to the building of the wall during the individual dynasties.

Qin Dynasty

Han Dynasty

Ming Dynasty

## **TASK 6: LEADERS**

### **Leader Biographies**

Write a biographical book on **all** of these famous leaders. These biographies must be written in your own original words. Please don't just copy information down! After finishing the biography, draw a picture representing the leader and their beliefs. You must do the searching yourself. Make each page creative and bind it into a book.

Confucius      Qin Shi Haundgi      Wu Di      Fu Hao      Goa Zu (Liu Bang/Han Goa Zu)

## **TASK 7: DAILY LIFE**

Research what daily life was like during one of the following dynasties and create a poster:

Shang Dynasty

Zhou (Chou) Dynasty (Time of Confucius)

Qin Dynasty (pronounced "chin")

Han Dynasty

Your poster should include explanations and drawings that depict the lifestyle in your dynasty. You may want to include information on food, nobility, arts, jobs, schooling and any other topics relevant to your dynasty.

## **TASK 8: THE SILK ROAD**

Research at least two different stops along The Silk Road. Create an informational map of The Silk Road. Make sure you have included the first and last stops along the route.

## **TASK 9: FIELD RESEARCH**

Find out about ancient and modern Chinese culture by visiting Chinatown during Chinese New Year, visit the British Museum or a Chinese supermarket. Take lots of photos of artifacts and be ready to share your experiences in the form of a written recount. You may wish to present your findings in a PowerPoint.