

# Social Studies: Ancient China

## Kids Discover Assignment

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. In \_\_\_\_\_, the long-lasting empire collapsed at the last emperor stepped down.
2. List at least three Chinese inventions:
3. China is named after emperor \_\_\_\_\_ of the Qin dynasty.
4. China's \_\_\_\_\_ played a key role in bringing order and stability to society. They collected \_\_\_\_\_, enforced laws, organized workers for building projects, and \_\_\_\_\_ court cases. They also kept written records of the empire.
5. Students who hoped to join the civil service spent many hours studying the teachings of \_\_\_\_\_. Only about \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the takers passed.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_'s life was hard. In addition to raising food for others, peasants served in the \_\_\_\_\_ and worked on government building projects.
7. Foot \_\_\_\_\_ stopped the growth of feet and was very \_\_\_\_\_. Because small feet were admired, foot binding spread to other classes of society.
8. The Empress's palace was called the Palace of Terrestrial \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The rich wore \_\_\_\_\_. It was a status symbol and in some dynasties only the rich were allowed to wear it.
10. The poor worked very hard. Few could \_\_\_\_\_ or write. Most were farmers. Poor farmers sometimes sold their \_\_\_\_\_ to be servants of the rich.
11. List a few differences between China's rich and poor.

	Diet	Homes	Clothing	Activities
<b>Rich</b>				
<b>Poor</b>				

12. The Chinese New Year is held on the first of the first \_\_\_\_\_ month, it takes place at the end of \_\_\_\_\_ or the beginning of February.
13. Red is a lucky color that stands for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ fortune.
14. In ancient China, astrologers taught... a person's birth year influences one's successes. Each year in the cycle is named for an \_\_\_\_\_. People are assumed to have some \_\_\_\_\_ of the animal in the sign under which they were born.
15. Fireworks were believed to scare away evil \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
16. In your opinion, what is one of the Chinese's greatest inventions? Why?
17. The Grand Canal: Built by Emperor Yang Di during the Sui dynasty to help transport \_\_\_\_\_ and grain around the empire, it linked the Yangzi and \_\_\_\_\_ rivers. It was built by connecting new and existing \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Acupuncture is an old form of Chinese medicine. Chinese doctors believed \_\_\_\_\_ flowed along 12 lines in the body. Doctors eased pain and treated certain \_\_\_\_\_ by sticking very fine \_\_\_\_\_ into the skin at special points along these lines.
19. The Chinese language is made up of more than \_\_\_\_\_ signs, or characters.
20. Many styles of Kung Fu have movements recalling such \_\_\_\_\_ as the dragon, leopard, and tiger.
21. The Chinese developed stir-frying to save \_\_\_\_\_ and costly \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Draw a picture or write about something you found interesting in the magazine.