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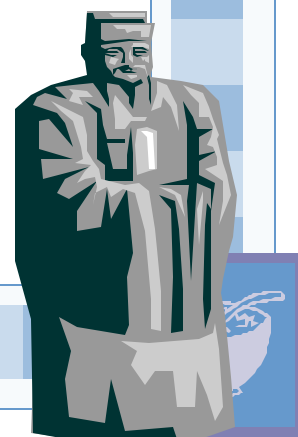
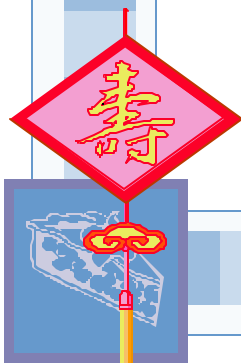
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The ancient Chinese were technologically advanced you would say. The Chinese would probably agree. one of their greatest achievements was gunpowder. how come we were we a small little country that could not invent anything at all? So way back when. imagine yourself in the time of ancient china. It is not exciting when no one invents something. it's like living with the Flintstones. well actually this is not true, the ancient Chinese invented many things before we did like gun powder, whiskey, flame throwers, bombs, and rockets and maybe many others .gun powder was invented in 1040 bc. later on it was used in war fare. like I said, the Chinese invented more things than we did but, we weren't around back then. for those of you who know a bit about ancient china you will agree with me that they invented gun powder in the early times. But none know when fireworks were invented. not one person knows. Yes even in their own country! But grenades, flame throwers, and whiskey are a different story

When the terra cotta warriors were found it gave us information on Chinese technology

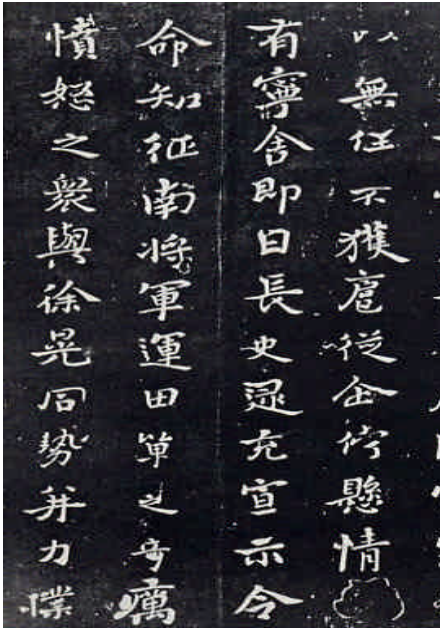


Questions

- Q1 What is gun powder?
- Q2 When was gun powder invented?
- Q3 What relates to gun powder that was not mentioned in this article?
- Q4 if the terra cotta warriors were not found how would it affect history?
- Q5 would you replace swords with gunpowder yes or no ?and why?

By Brendan

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Ah the art of Chinese calligraphy .Not as exciting as the super bowl or MLB baseball, but still a major art. many people in china practice. it is a form of self expression and a way of easing the mind and body like poetry. And if you were good enough you could be a scribe. but since a lot is known about it today, it is a great art. As is there are many calligraphers in the US. many are immigrants from China. Calligraphy started right after qin ruled and was used for many purposes such as art,battle,and Confucius's teachings .After he died maybe the Chinese really had something when they invented this wonderful sense of passion and entertainment. and at the same time it was the Chinese primary writing system

By Brendan P

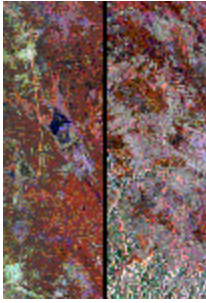
Q1 What is the name of the writing?

Q2 What is the primary uses of this writing?

Q3 How dose this related to other countries?

Q4 Why is this so important?

Q5 When will this knowledge help people in the future



The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago, by Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China during the Qin (Ch'in) Dynasty (221 B.C - 206 B.C.). In Chinese the wall is called "Wan-Li Qang-Qeng" which means 10,000-Li Long Wall (10,000 Li = about 5,000 km).

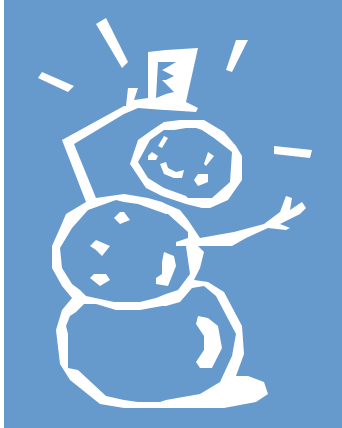
After subjugating and uniting China from seven Warring States, the emperor connected and extended four old fortification walls along the north of China that originated about 700 B.C. (over 2500 years ago). Armies were stationed along the wall as a first line of defense against the invading nomadic Hsiung Nu tribes north of China. Signal fires from the Wall provided early warning of an attack.

The Great Wall is one of the largest building construction projects ever completed. It stretches across the mountains of northern China, winding north and northwest of Beijing. It is constructed of masonry, rocks and packed-earth. It was over 5,000 km (=10,000 Li) long. Its thickness ranged from about 4.5 to 9 meters (15 to 30 feet) and was up to 7.5 meters (25 feet) tall.

During the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the Great Wall was enlarged to 6,400 kilometers (4,000 miles) and renovated over a 200 year period, with watch-towers and cannons added.

The Great Wall can be seen from Earth orbit, but, contrary to legend, is not visible from the moon, according to astronauts Neil Armstrong, Jim Lovell, and Jim Irwin

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Chinese Medicine

By: Ryan U

Everybody Knows that medicine heals you. But ancient Chinese medicines are different. Chinese doctors were good at treating illnesses. Some of the cures are still made today. For example theirs kaolin made from powder clay for an upset stomach. Sometimes they often treated sickness with acupuncture; acupuncture is when doctors stick needles into your body in particular places to cure problems in other parts of the body. You may have

noticed that acupuncture is used today. Chinese medicine is also based on a well balanced diet. Confucius once thought if you didn't take care of yourself you would be disrespecting yourself. Herbs are also used to cure people.



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Questions!

1. What is acupuncture?
2. Were else do they do this and why?
3. What other medicines are used to heal sicknesses?
4. Which one of these medicines still used today?
5. Name the medicines Ancient Chinese people used? Name the types of medicine.
6. (optional) Do you know anymore Ancient Chinese medicines?

March 23, 2004

Chinese New Year

By: Ryan U

Have you ever been to an actual new year in the United States? The Chinese do it differently and at a certain time. They do the New year in February. The Chinese New Year is also called Yuan Tan . The Chinese New Year also takes place on the second new moon after the winter solstice. The week before the kitchen god is offered sweets so that when he is burned and brought to heaven to report he will always say good things, and sometimes he is offered honey so he won't open his mouth. Sometimes a paper chariot is also made and burnt with the god. For seven days the gods shelf stays empty. Then the head



This is also a part of New Year!!!!

of the family produces a new god out of paper rice and painted with bright colors. The day before the Chinese New Year is when everyone starts cooking for the feast. The night before Yuan Tan all the adults at midnight go out and say "Kung Shi" which means I humbly wish you joy

This is what Children get during the New Year

QUESTIONS

1. Who is the Kitchen God ?
2. What do the Chinese people do before it comes?
3. When do they start the New Year?
4. What do kids do during the New Year?
5. Where is the New Year celebrated?
6. (extra question) What similarities do The Chinese New Year have with the U.S.A?

Jade the stone of China



This is what un-carved jade looks like.

Jade is known as the stone of heaven. In the 14th century Marco Polo, returning to Europe after his exploration, talked about many trinkets at the court of the royal palace in China. He described them as being carved with exceptional skill even though the material was very tough. The stone came in an array of beautiful col-

ors. That was probably the first time Europeans heard of or saw jade.

Jade was once believed to have healing powers. One of the most farfetched of these beliefs is that if jade touches the person he or she will be immune to heart diseases. They also believed that jade can also replace body parts like hands or feet.

When noble people

died suits of jade were carved for them to be buried in. The pieces of jade were tied together with gold and silver wire. Good thing the noble people were never buried in something as obvious as pyramids or thieves would have stolen everything. Another odd thing that jade can do is be woven into a beautiful fabric.

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Did you know that the Chinese Emperors are the original players? They could have 90 wives and 167 mistresses and nobody would care. And if someone did they wouldn't say anything.

Back From The Dead, The Terra-Cotta Warriors

In 1972 a Chinese farmer in Xian dug up a sculpture of an ancient Chinese warrior; later more warriors were dug up. In fact 5,999 more warriors were dug up. The warriors are known as the Terra-Cotta warriors. Terra-Cotta is a type of hard clay that in order to dry it out you need to bake it at 1657 degrees.

The first emperor,

(Qin), had these mighty warriors built to protect him during the afterlife.

Qin must have really wanted protection during the afterlife, because there are more terra-cotta soldiers than just swordsmen. There's a whole army! Even the charioteers and arrow men have terra-cotta horses.

Many things have hap-

pened to these creations. They used to be painted but time dried them out. In their hands used to be steel swords, which were stolen from them during the first Chinese Revolution. One of the odd things about the Terra-Cotta warriors is that all 6,000 warriors have different faces, even the horses look different! Another unusual thing about the Terra-Cotta warriors is that they were life size. By: Chelsea H



This is a photograph of a Terra-Cotta warrior.

Questions

Q1. Who told Europe about Chinese culture?

Q2. Is gold bendable?

Q3. Is it possible to weave jade?

Q4. Can jade be a form of medicine?

Q5. In what century did Marco Polo bring jade to Europe?

Q6. In what year was the first Terra-Cotta warrior dug up?

Q7. At what degrees does Terra-Cotta need to be baked?

Q8. Who was the first Emperor?

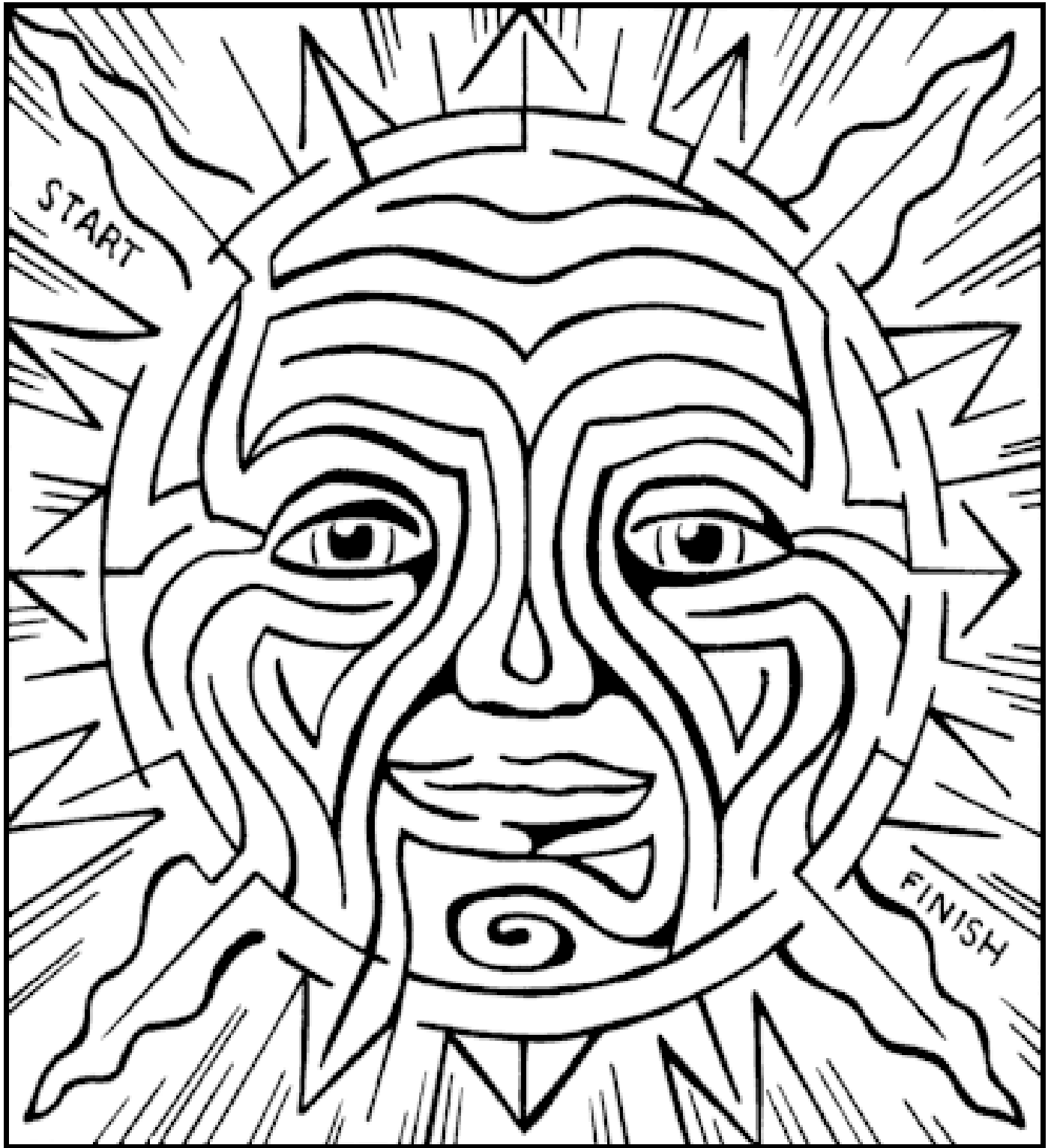
Q9. Were the Terra-Cotta warriors painted?

Q10. Is Terra-Cotta more like stone or like clay?

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