

Lesson Plan 1

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### **The First Emperor & the Great Wall of China**

#### **Level/Class:**

This lesson is designed for sixth grade students taking an introductory Chinese course.

#### **Objective:**

Students will learn about an important but controversial figure in the Chinese history-the first emperor Qin Shi Huang; and one of his grand, time-honored legacies-the Great Wall.

#### **Time:**

This lesson will take a 45-50 minute class period.

#### **Materials Needed:**

Slide show

Projector & Projection Screen

Handout including homework sheets

Pencil & paper

#### **Assessment:**

Homework sheet with reading on one side and questions on the other;

Looking up pictures of the Great Wall of China;

A quiz will lend further assessment at the end of the week.

#### **Procedure:**

A. Show slides of the Great Wall of China on projection screen, and ask students who built the Wall. Thus lead them to the introduction of the First Emperor and Qin Dynasty-his unification of China; his policies that benefited social system and improved economic development, but at the same time caused disasters, for example: the building of the Great Wall. 25 minutes are needed for this session to go through the entire slide show with relevant historical background lecturing.

B. 5 minutes will be used for questions and answers related to the content during and afterward the slide show.

C. A free discussion will follow: how to appreciate a historically controversial figure while looking at him today (pros & cons). Students could also write down opinions on the paper first.

D. homework assignment: learn more about the Great Wall

**References:**

Fredlein, Paul & Fredlein Shumang. (2002) *Ni Hao*. Beijing: Cheng & Tsui.

**Worksheet - self-made**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great\\_wall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_wall)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terracotta\\_Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terracotta_Army)

[http://www.travelchinaguide.com/attraction/shaanxi/xian/terra\\_cotta\\_army/qin\\_shihuang\\_1.htm](http://www.travelchinaguide.com/attraction/shaanxi/xian/terra_cotta_army/qin_shihuang_1.htm)