

The First Emperor of China

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While reading

Chapter 1

1 Find the right words in Chapter 1.

- When two or more countries fight. (p. 2)
.....
- To think a lot about something before you do it. (p. 2)
- It is opposite to east. (p. 2)
- You don't know this person. (p. 4)
.....
- You are this when you have a lot of things to do. (p. 5)
- This means intelligent. (p. 5)
- You are this when you don't feel well. (p. 5)
.....

2 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- wife govern hard kingdoms government lover excited
- Qin was the strongest of all the
 - Ying Zheng was young and couldn't the kingdom.
 - Li Si was a student of at the Qin court.
 - Li Si was very about his new job.
 - A boy became a man at twenty and took a
 - Ying Zheng's mother had a called Lao Ai.
 - Life was very for Huang on his farm.

Chapter 2

3 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- Ying Zheng sent tsletre to the prime minister.
- The king's army watched the enemy very rlecuyafi before a fight.
- The Qin army took 10,000 Zhao osrnpsrie
- The king of Qin was not etneetrdsi in the old ways.
- Ying Zheng left some writings in the nimausnto
- Ying Zheng took isamlna people and other things into the next world.
- leslvgrai found the terracotta army.

4 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

- ☐ Ying Zheng sends Lu Buwei to the south.
- ☐ Ying Zheng wants to fight Yan.
- ☐ The king's army kills every Zhao prisoner.
- ☐ Ying Zheng becomes king.
- ☐ Li Si becomes the prime minister.
- ☐ Lao Ai's army fight the king's men.

Chapter 3

5 Finish the sentences with the right name.

- Hu Hai king of Yan Jing Ke Fan Yuchi
Xia King Zheng
- The wanted to kill Ying Zheng.
 - King Zheng killed the family of
 - tried to push a knife into King Zheng.
 - changed his name.
 - was the tenth wife of the emperor.
 - was the eighteenth son of the emperor.

6 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- Jing Ke put Fan Yuchi's head in a bag.
.....
- Jing Ke tried to push the knife into King Zheng's leg.
- People nearly killed the emperor five times.
.....
- King Zheng left books on some of the mountains.
- Xia had a daughter called Hu Hai.
.....
- There were pictures of animals, flowers and people on the palace walls.
- Six women looked after Xia.

Chapter 4

7 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- study The books war scholars about could
.....
- built in years The palaces ten emperor 270
.....
- bridge the There a river was across
.....

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- d walls in Some wrong were the place
.....
- e empire come Dangerous tried into people
the to
.....
- f prisoner of Qin a was Ehuang the
.....

8 Circle the right words.

- a *Ten / A hundred* scholars sat on the floor of the palace.
- b *Some / All* of the scholar's books went onto the fire.
- c When the king's men caught an enemy, they *cut / poisoned* him.
- d The emperor built a palace near the *river / sea*.
- e The emperor sent Meng Tian to the *south / north* of the empire.
- f The women put *rice / bread* and water in the wall.

Chapter 5

9 Answer the questions.

- a Where was Penglai?
.....
- b How many boys and girls did Xu Fu take to Penglai?
.....
- c What did the doctors think the gods drank?
.....
- d How long did the men work on the tomb?
.....
- e When did the emperor die?
.....
- f Why did one of Yang Peiyan's brothers shout?
.....
- g Why was each terracotta soldier different?
.....

10 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a Xu Fu and his army goes go to the east of China.
- b The Qin kings took many things to at the next world.
- c Zheng's tomb was bigger biggest than the other tombs.
- d Yang and his brothers started to looking look for water.

- e Yang's brothers pulled in out the terracotta head.
- f The terracotta soldiers were as hard than as stone.
- g In the future, perhaps people will be see the face of the emperor.

Chapter 6

11 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Zheng became ill on his way to the sea. ☐
- b Zheng spoke to his son Fu Su and said, 'You will be the second emperor.' ☐
- c Zheng was forty-eight years old when he died. ☐
- d Fu Su was older than his brother Hu Hai. ☐
- e Li Si and the emperor had many friends in the empire. ☐
- f People fought for eighteen years after the emperor died. ☐
- g The Han soldiers started a fire in the underground rooms of the tomb. ☐

12 Finish the sentences.

- a The emperor sees a large fish in the sea and
.....
- b The emperor becomes very ill and he knows that he
.....
- c Li Si wants the younger son to be
.....
- d Hu Hai is the second emperor but only
.....
- e Many people watch the emperor's last journey from Xianyang to
.....
- f The Han scholars want the emperor to look bad because
.....
- g When Zheng becomes king, there are seven
.....

13 Find the right words in Chapter 6.

- a This is poisonous. (p. 36)
- b You write one of these to people. (p. 37)
.....
- c It is very hot. (p. 37)
- d People do this to get money. (p. 37)
.....
- e You use these to fight with. (p. 38)
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1 Write the names to finish the sentences.

Confucius The king of Yan Li Si Xu Fu Lao Ai
Lu Buwei Xia Meng Tian Zhaoji Jing Ke

- a was the teacher of the boy-king.
- b was prime minister and governed for the boy-king.
- c tried to attack the king's palace with 4,000 men.
- d was the First Emperor's mother.
- e gave somebody a knife with poison on it.
- f cut off somebody's head.
- g had a son called Hu Hai.
- h wrote books and was a great thinker.
- i was the emperor's top soldier.
- j was a doctor and went to Penglai to bring back some herbs.

2 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a ☐ Li Si became the new prime minister.
- b ☐ Qin became China and Zheng became the First Emperor.
- c ☐ The emperor drank mercury and started to do strange things.
- d ☐ The king's soldiers killed Lao Ai.
- e ☐ The Han took control of the empire.
- f ☐ Jing Ke tried to kill king Zheng.
- g ☐ Ying Zheng's father died.
- h ☐ The First Emperor's men burned books and killed scholars.
- i ☐ Workers built the First Emperor's Great Wall.
- j ☐ Lu Buwei drank poison and died.

3 Answer these questions.

- a How old was Ying Zheng when his father died?
.....
- b What did the farmers have to give the army?
.....
- c What happened to the Zhao prisoners?
.....
- d Where did Ying Zheng leave some stones?
.....
- e What was the number of the empire?
.....
- f In the Qin law, how many people could a person marry?
.....

- g Why did Zheng build a wall in the north and west?
.....
- h What did the emperor want his doctor to get from Penglai?
.....
- i How many underground rooms were there in the palace?
.....
- j Why did the emperor become a sea-god?
.....

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Ying Zheng became king when he was twenty one years old. ☐
- b Lao Ai was the lover of Zheng's mother. ☐
- c People got jobs because they were from an important family at the beginning in China. ☐
- d The rich families in the empire were Zheng's enemies. ☐
- e A musician tried to kill King Zheng. ☐
- f Zheng's wife, Xia, and her family stayed in the palace all the time. ☐
- g The scholars didn't like the new ways and wanted to read the books of Confucius. ☐
- h Many people died when King Zheng built a wall in the north. ☐
- i Zheng's prime minister went to Penglai and brought back herbs. ☐
- j Everybody in Zheng's family died in the eight years of fighting. ☐

5 Circle the right words.

- a When he was twenty, Zheng's *grandmother* / *father* died suddenly.
- b Zheng didn't *like* / *know* his two half-brothers.
- c Life was very *hard* / *easy* in the south of Qin.
- d Many of the workers on the wall were *soldiers* / *prisoners*.
- e When the emperor drank mercury he started to *talk* / *cry* all the time.
- f There were rivers of *water* / *mercury* in Zheng's tomb.
- g The workers made each soldier from *seventeen* / *seven* pieces of terracotta.
- h Zheng stood on *a mountain* / *the beach* and looked for the big fish.
- i When the emperor died, *everybody* / *nobody* wanted to take control.
- j When the Han took control, the empire got *weaker* / *stronger*.