

Vocabulary	Meaning
gunpowder	black powder that explodes when set on fire
compass	instrument for showing direction
navigation	act or practice of steering or directing the course of
print	mark made on the surface of something
censorship	control over information or ideas
immortality	never dying, living forever
reform	to make better, to improve
currency	money that is used in a country
construction	the process, art or manner of building something
border	boundary especially of a country or state
defensive	act of protecting or guarding
terracotta	red-brown clay used for pottery and construction
afterlife	an existence after death
mausoleum	a large tomb
taxation	contribution of earnings paid to the government
imperial	relating to an empire
population	whole number of inhabitants in a country or region
tyrant	ruler who exercises power oppressively or brutally to control everyone and everything completely

Key knowledge – Contribution to the Modern World

Gunpowder



Compass



Paper



Print



Key knowledge – Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi



Emperor Qin was a skilled leader but also a tyrant. He unified China and made vast reforms in many areas during his rule, for example, establishing a common currency & standard units of measurement. He began the construction of the Great Wall of China to protect China from invaders to the north. Daily life was harsh. Peasants were farmers or harvested silk. Anyone deemed as slow or lazy was sent to build the Wall, which measures over 13,000 miles long and is 2,300 years old. He was buried in an enormous tomb with the Terracotta Army.

History Timeline

5000 BCE

589 CE