

Ancient China Question 1

Label the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, and the South China Sea.

In what two ways might these seas have influenced China’s history?

Ancient China Question 2

Draw the boundaries of the territories covered by the Shang, Zhou, Qin, and Han dynasties. Use a different color for each dynasty. Add them to the map key.

Why do you think the areas controlled by various dynasties kept expanding?

Ancient China Question 3

Label the Huang He and the Chang Jiang.

Why do you think these geographic features were important in the early history of China?

Ancient China Question 4

Which dynasty controlled the smallest area of China?

Which dynasty controlled the largest area of China?

Ancient China Question 5

Approximately how many years were there between the time a Chinese dynasty controlled the smallest area and the time a Chinese dynasty controlled the largest area?

Why do you think the Han dynasty never expanded into the southwest or the far northeast?

Ancient China Question 6

Draw and label the Great Wall.

The Great Wall was 1,500 miles long, 25 feet high, and 15 to 30 feet wide. Why do you think it was built?

Ancient China Question 7

Under which dynasty did China control territories that are not part of modern China?

Turn to the map on page 385. What present-day country south of China, and what present-day country northeast of China, were controlled by this dynasty?

Ancient China Question 8

Why do you think the majority group in China today calls itself the “Han people”?

Where do you think minority groups that do not consider themselves Han people might live in China today?