

## Second Grade “China” Assessment

- 1a. Which continent is the largest and has the most people?  
a. Asia  
b. North America

- 1b. Which continent is the largest and has the most people?

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- 1c. What does it mean when we say that Asia is the most populous continent?

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- 2a. The country outlined on the map below is:  
a. China  
b. Africa



2b. Label China on the map below.



2c. What continent is China located on? Label China on the map.



- 3a. Name the two rivers that are important to the people of China.
- a. Yellow and Yangtze
  - b. Indus and Ganges

3b. Name the two rivers that are important to the people of China.

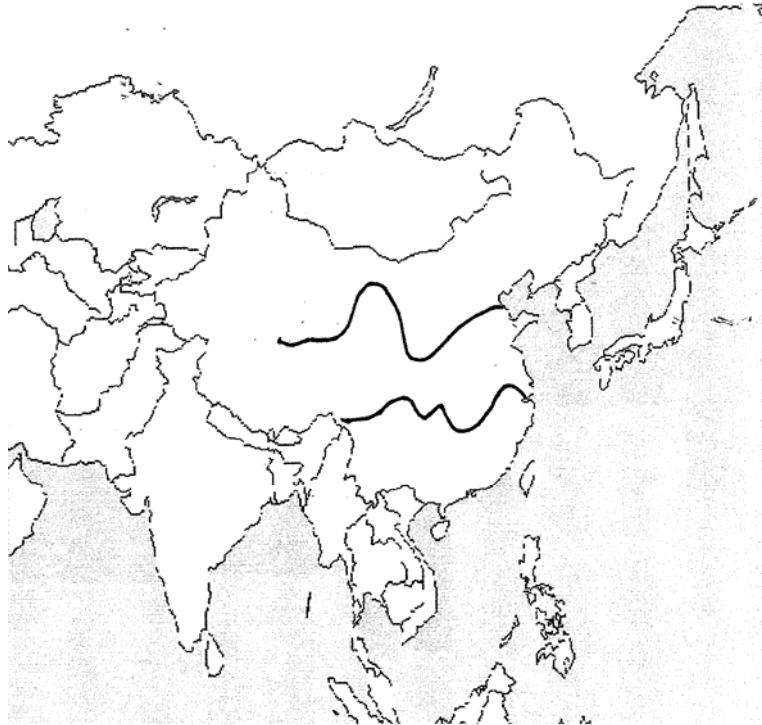
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3c. Label the two rivers important to the people of China on the map below. Then, explain how the flooding of the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers helped farmers.

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4a. What are some of Confucius' teachings?

- a. Do good in school.
- b. Honor your ancestors and respect your parents.

4b. Name one of Confucius' teachings for all people.

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4c. How does Confucianism help people to live better lives? Give examples of two teachings in your answer.

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- 5a. What advice did Confucius give to leaders?
- a. Make the people obey you since you are powerful.
  - b. You are there to rule, not to kill.
- 5b. Name one piece of advice Confucius gave to leaders.
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- 5c. What did the following advice from Confucius to leaders mean? “If you desire what is good, the people will be good.”
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- 6a. How did Emperor Qin help the people of China who were always fighting each other?
- a. He united the people together to form a strong country.
  - b. He killed all the people who were fighting.
- 6b. How did Emperor Qin help the people of China who were always fighting each other?
- a. He united all the people to form a strong country.
  - b. He killed all the people who were fighting.
  - c. He built walls around each group of people to keep them separate.
  - d. He sent the people who were fighting to other countries.
- 6c. Why didn't the fighting end after Emperor Qin united the many warring tribes throughout China?
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- 7a. What did Emperor Qin have built to protect China from outside invaders?
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- 7b. What did Emperor Qin have built to protect China from outside invaders? Why was it built?
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- 7c. What did Emperor Qin have built to protect China from outside invaders? What features did it have to protect China from invaders?
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- 8a. What did the Chinese invent using bark, rags and other things?
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8b. What did the Chinese use to create paper, a Chinese invention?

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8c. What did the Chinese use to create paper, a Chinese invention? Why was the invention of paper so important to the ancient world?

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9a. What product is used to make silk?

- a. plant fibers from vegetables
- b. the thread from a worm's cocoon

9b. How is silk made?

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9c. How is silk made? How is silk different than cotton?

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10a. Why did people from other countries want silk clothes?

- a. Silk was strong, smooth, and beautiful
- b. Silk was strong, cheap, and lasted a long time

10b. Why did people from other countries want silk?

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10c. How did merchants get silk to sell to people from other countries?

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11a. How is the Chinese calendar different from our calendar?

- a. It follows the cycles of the moon.
- b. It has 15 months.

11b. How is the Chinese calendar different from our calendar?

- a. It is a solar calendar, following the seasons of the sun
- b. It is a octagonal calendar, having eight months
- c. It is a lunar calendar, following the cycles of the moon
- d. It is a calendar that changes from year to year

11c. Why don't important holidays in China occur on the same date year after year?

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12a. Name one thing Chinese people might do to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

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12b. Name three things Chinese people do to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

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12c. Tell one way our New Year is similar to the Chinese New Year and one way it is different.

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The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated.

Questions 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 7b, 7c, 10a, 10b, 10c: History Standard 3.1. Students know how various societies were affected by contacts and exchanges among diverse peoples.

Question 8c: History Standard 4.1. Students understand the impact of scientific and technological developments on individuals and societies.

Questions 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c: History Standard 6.1. Students know the historical development of religions and philosophies.

Questions 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c: Geography Standard 1.1. Students know how to use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

## Answer Key

- 1a. a. Asia  
1b. Asia  
1c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-it has the most people  
-more people live in Asia than on any other continent

- 2a. a. China  
2b. See map for answer.



- 2c. Asia  
See map in 2b for answer.

- 3a. a. Yellow and Yangtze  
3b. Yellow and Yangtze or Huang He and Chang Jiang  
3c. See map for labels. For part two, acceptable answers could include:  
-it made the soil richer  
-it helped plants grow



- 4a. b. Honor your ancestors and respect your parents.
- 4b. Acceptable answers could include:
- obey the ruler
  - rulers should be fair and wise
  - respect your parents and teachers
  - honor your ancestors
  - treat others well
- 4c. Acceptable answers could include any of the answers in 4b.
- 5a. b. You are there to rule, not to kill.
- 5b. Acceptable answers could include:
- You are there to rule, not kill. If you desire what is good, the people will be good.
- 5c. Acceptable answers could include:
- if leaders are good people will follow their lead
  - if leaders desire good things then the people will do good things
- 6a. a. He united the people together to form a strong country.
- 6b. a. He united the people together to form a strong country.
- 6c. Acceptable answers could include:
- outside groups kept attacking them
  - some of the far away groups still wanted things their way
- 7a. The Great Wall of China
- 7b. The Great Wall of China
- Acceptable answers could include:
- he wanted to keep invaders out of China
- 7c. The Great Wall of China
- Acceptable answers could include:
- It is too tall to climb, watchtowers help soldiers see who is approaching, it is very wide, it is so many miles long that it is difficult for enemies to travel around it.
- 8a. Paper
- 8b. Acceptable answers could include:
- bark, rags and other things
- 8c. Acceptable answers could include:
- bark, rags and other things
  - paper made it easier to record history
  - paper was easier to carry
  - it is cheaper and easier than stone and other things
- 9a. b. the thread from a worm's cocoon
- 9b. Acceptable answers could include:
- silk is taken from a cocoon and woven into a fabric
- 9c. Acceptable answers could include:
- silk is taken from a cocoon and woven into a fabric

- silk is usually smoother and shinier
- silk comes from a cocoon and cotton comes from a plant
- silk is often more expensive

10a. a. Silk was strong, smooth, and beautiful

10b. Acceptable answers could include:

- it is smooth and beautiful
- it looks rich
- it is rare

10c. Acceptable answers could include:

- they had to travel to China to get it
- they traded with other merchants who had been through China

11a. a. It follows the cycles of the moon.

11b. c. It is a lunar calendar, following the cycles of the moon

11c. Acceptable answers could include:

- They are scheduled according to the lunar calendar so the holiday will be on a different date on the solar calendar each year.

12a. Acceptable answers could include:

- firecrackers
- wear red
- decorate their homes
- parades
- eat traditional foods
- give red envelopes

12b. Acceptable answers could include any of the answers from 12a.

12c. Acceptable answers could include:

- Both holidays include eating food and dressing up.
- The Chinese New Year involves firecrackers, parades and red envelopes.