

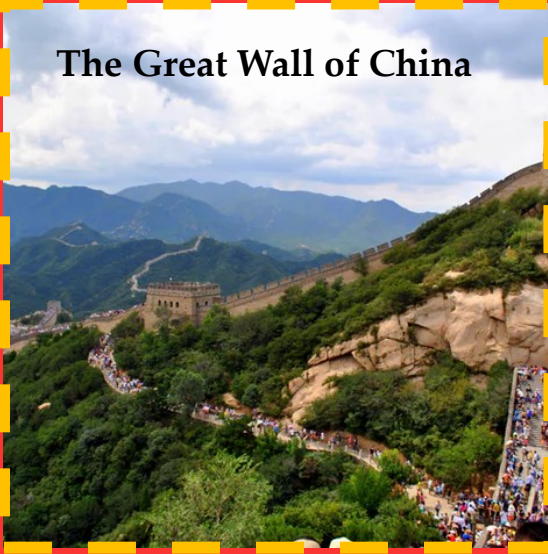


Cultures of the World

**China**

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**The Great Wall of China**



China is one of the world's oldest civilizations



**Red dragon tassel**

**Official Name:**

People's Republic of China

**Continent:**

Asia

**Capital:**

Beijing

**Official Languages:**

Standard Chinese and Mandarin

**Money:**

Yuan

**Population:**

Over 1.4 billion people



**Yuan**

# CHINESE DRAGON

Chinese Dragons are legendary creatures that are long and snake-like with four legs. They are seen as very powerful with control over water, rainfall, floods and hurricanes. They are also used as symbols to show power, good luck and strength.



# China

**Dynasty=** When one family rules over a long period of time. When that ruler passes away a family member takes their place, usually the oldest son

Lets take a look at a few Dynasties

The first dynasty was the Xia dynasty

## Qin Dynasty

Ruled China from 221 BC to 206 BC. Emperor Qin Shi Huang had the Terracotta Army built. Although he did not build the Great Wall of China he linked together the Northern Wall of Yan State, the Northern Wall of Zhao State and the Qin State Wall to form the giant wall we know as The Great Wall of China.



**The Terracotta Army**  
-Ancient sculptures built and buried over 2,000 years ago. They were built to protect Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife





### The Song Dynasty

Ruled Ancient China from 960 to 1279. During this time paper, printing, the compass and gunpowder were invented. It was also during this time that rice became an important crop.

### The Ming Dynasty

Ruled China from 1368 to 1644 A.D. During this time Beijing was declared the Capital of China and the Forbidden City was built.



The Forbidden City  
-served as the home  
for emperors

### The Qing Dynasty

Ruled China from 1644 to 1912. The first Qing Emperor was a 5 year old boy. This was the last Chinese Dynasty

After 1912 there were no more dynasties in China.

# The Legend of the Mid-Autumn Festival



Once upon a time, there were ten suns in the sky. Hou Yi was summoned by the Emperor to shoot down nine of the suns. The great archer Hou Yi succeeded. Hou Yi met the beautiful Chang E. They fell in love and soon after got married.

Hou Yi and Chang E wanted to spend the rest of their lives together, so he went to the Western Queen Mother to ask for the elixir of life. The Western Queen was impressed with Hou Yi 's archery that she agreed to give him the elixir. Hou Yi returned home and told his wife that they could live together forever. They decided to drink it together on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month when the moon was round and bright. But Feng Meng the apprentice of Hou Yi overheard them and wanted the elixir for himself.

On the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, Feng Meng went to Hou Yi's home and forced Chang E to give him the elixir. She knew she could not defeat Feng Meng so with no other choice, she decided to drink the elixir all by herself. It made her fly to the moon where she could stay forever. Hou Yi looked up at the moon and put the foods Chang E used to love in the garden. Since that day people started admiring the moon.

# Moon Cakes



Mooncakes are round or square in shape and filled with a sweet paste!

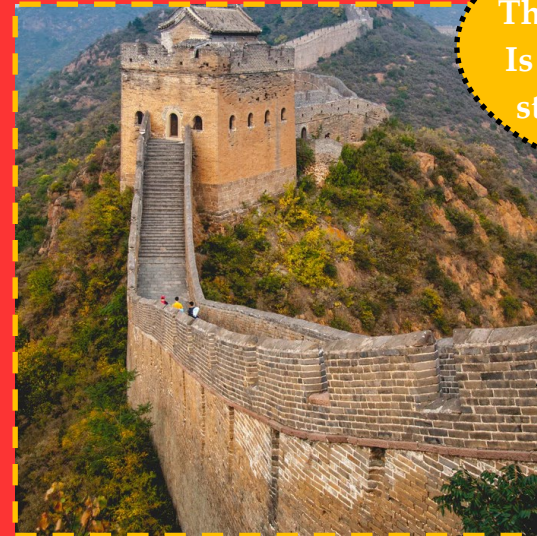
## Top 5 fillings

1. Five Kernel and Roast Pork
2. Red bean paste
3. Sweet lotus paste
4. Fruit and vegetable
5. Chocolate

The **LARGEST** mooncake was made in Shanghai in 2013 and weighed about 5,500 pounds!



# Fun facts about China



The Great Wall of China Is the largest man made structure in the world!

China has more skyscrapers than any other city in the world!

In China, the color Red symbolizes Happiness. It is commonly used at festivals, weddings, birthday parties and other happy occasions.

In 2003, China successfully sent a person to space!







The dragon symbolizes power, strength and good luck

Calligraphy was invented in China



Tea was invented in China 2,000 years ago

China is the fourth largest country in the world!



There are over 1.4 billion People!

The Chinese invented kites 3,000 years ago!

# Mid-Autumn Festival



The Mid-Autumn Festival is also referred by other names such as Moon Festival, Harvest Moon Festival, Moon Cake Festival, Lantern Festival and Reunion Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival is similar to the Thanksgiving tradition!

What happens during the Mid-Autumn Festival?

Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the Chinese lunar calendar.

It is common for families to gather together, eat delicious moon cakes, hang lanterns and appreciate the moon

