

The First Emperor



Vocabulary:

- **Legacy: something handed down**
- **Dynasty: a ruling family; also the period during which it is in power**
- **Legalism: the Chinese idea of government that people can only be controlled by stern laws and harsh punishments**

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Shi Huangdi



Read pages 26-31.

List characteristics
of the first emperor:

- traits
- hopes and fears
- his legacy

How is knowledge about the first emperor relevant to the world today?

How has the history of the first emperor shaped modern day China?



- As a class we will review the author's purpose for writing a text (to inform, to entertain, to persuade). We will talk about the difference between fact and opinion. "A fact is information that can be proved to be true. An opinion is what someone thinks, feels, or believes."
- We should "always pay attention to the author's purpose for writing. It helps us not only better understand the text but also interpret the information that is provided."
- Read page 177, "Biography, Emperor Shi Huangdi," in the social studies textbook.
- Then read the text "The First Emperor" found on pages 26-31 in the *National Geographic Reading Expeditions Magazine*.
- Read the two historical accounts. What is the author's purpose for each account? What is the same about the two accounts? What is different?
- Circle the information that is the same or similar between the two accounts.
- Underline the details that are in one account and not the other.
- Fill out the t-chart to help organize your similarities and differences. This is for a grade.





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