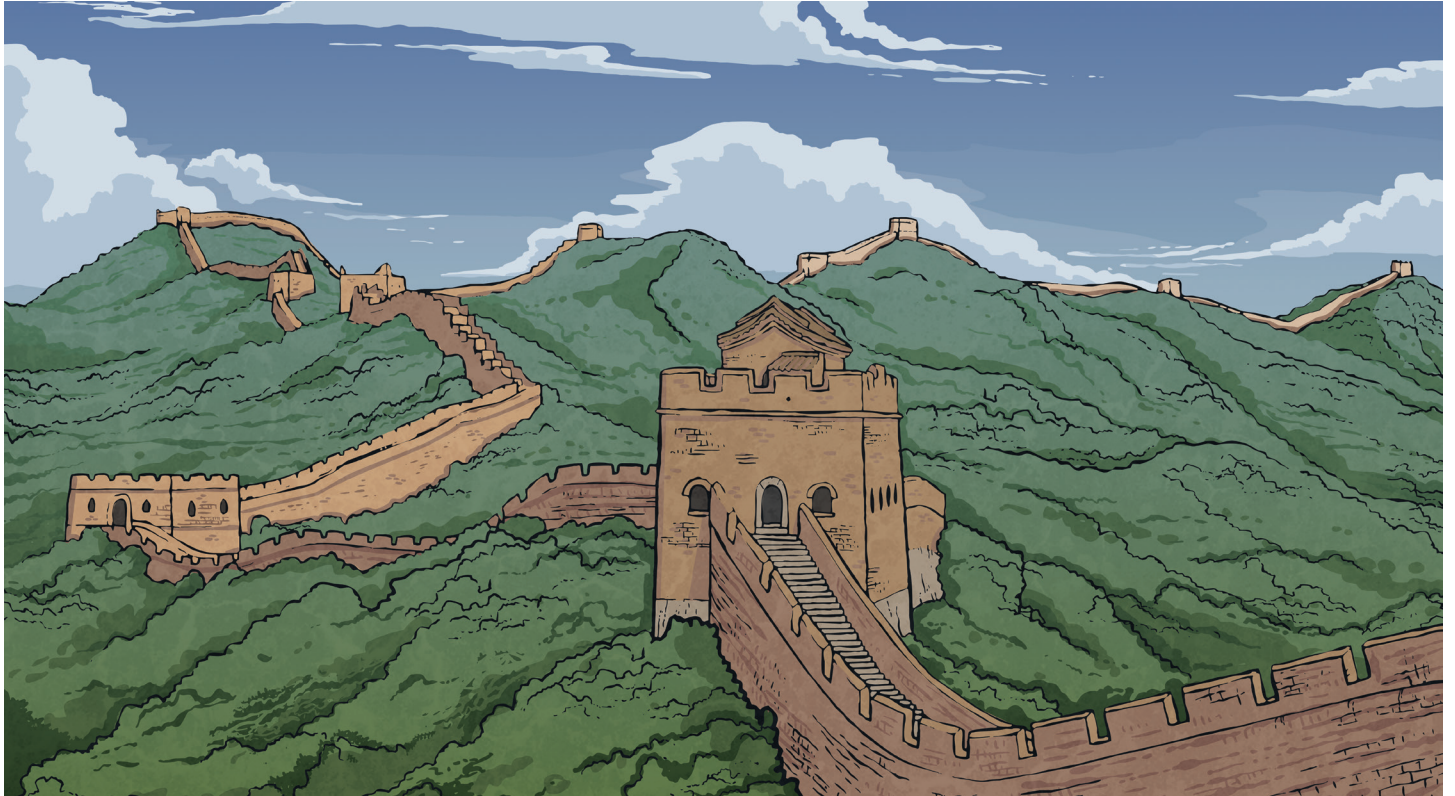


The Great Wall of China



Why Was It Built?

The Great Wall of China was originally built to defend China's border and protect trade.

Interesting Facts

- Construction of the Great Wall began between 220 and 206BC.
- The Great Wall stretches for 21 195 kilometres across northern China.
- The top of the wall is wide enough for people, animals and carts to travel along it.
- People who were being punished, such as criminals and slaves, originally built the wall.
- It took over 1000 years to build and millions of people built it.
- The wall has over 7000 lookout towers.
- Approximately 10 million visitors are attracted to it each year.

