

ANCIENT CHINA

The history of **Ancient China** spans thousands of years and a number of different **dynasties**. Certain Chinese dynasties lasted hundreds of years, while others were overthrown and replaced quickly by new leaders. Despite this, much of Chinese culture and religion was steadfast.

The **Yangtze** and **Yellow rivers** were central to the people of China. They provided water for drinking and **irrigation** as well as a way to travel throughout China. For this reason, many of the people of China earned their living as farmers.



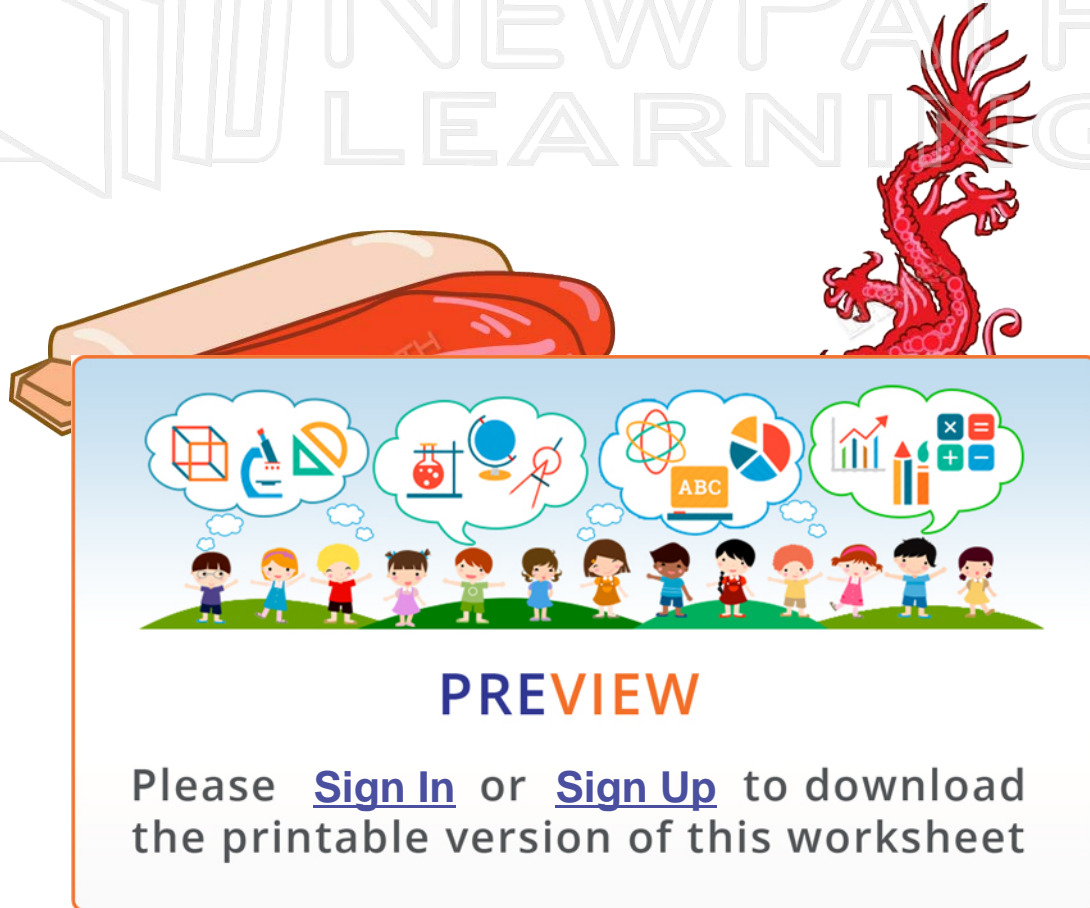
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Religion and religious relationships, some influenced political and governmental structure. Many of the religions of Ancient China are still practiced today.



The Ancient Chinese are well known for their **many inventions**. Some, such as **gunpowder** and **kites**, were used during wars, while other such as **silk** and **bronze**, were used in everyday life. In addition to the inventions listed above, there were other advancements made in Ancient China. Mathematics, philosophy, and art were three areas in which the Chinese excelled.

A decorative graphic featuring a stack of books on the left, a red dragon on the right, and a central illustration of a group of diverse children standing on a green patch of grass. Above the children are five thought bubbles containing various educational icons: a cube, a microscope, a protractor, a globe, a compass, a molecular model, a pie chart, a bar graph, and mathematical symbols (+, -, x, =).

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