

Ancient China

Fun Facts

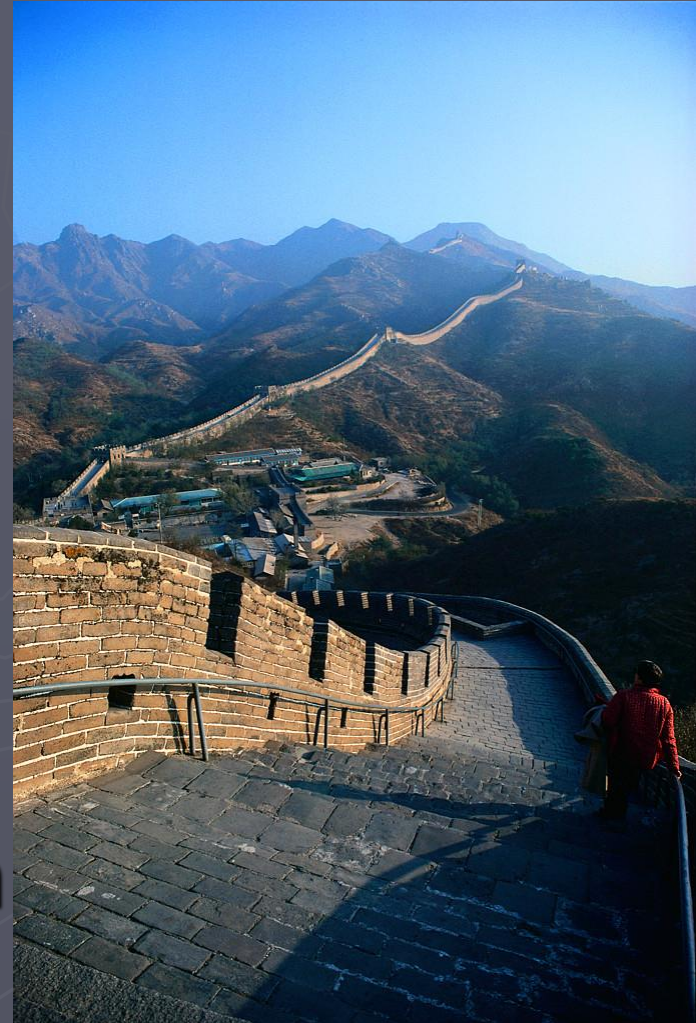


Great Wall of China



Great Wall of China

- ▶ Building began in 221_{BCE}
 - By Emperors of Qin Dynasty
 - ▶ Qin Shi Huangdu or Meng Tien
- ▶ Built to keep out the Huns
- ▶ Some of the stones date to 700_{BCE}
- ▶ Originally 3000 miles long
- ▶ Average height is 25 feet high



Great Wall of China

- ▶ Built from stone, mud, and packed dirt
- ▶ Over 1,000,000 people died during construction
- ▶ In the 1400's – wall was enlarged
 - To over 4,000 miles long
- ▶ Today, it can be seen from Earth orbit
 - But not from the moon



Terra Cotta Army

Terra cotta army from the tomb of the First Emperor, Qin Shihuang



Terra Cotta Army



- ▶ Discovered in March 1974
- ▶ 8,099 warriors and horses
 - Life size!
- ▶ Built for the first Emperor of China
 - Qin Shi Huangdi
 - They were to protect him in death and the next life

Chinese Writing

- ▶ Writing was first seen on bones
 - Became known as “oracle bones”
- ▶ Writing system became very complex
 - 80,000 symbols in their writing
 - ▶ Compared to 26 for English

娱乐

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Fun

事实

Facts

Chinese Inventions

▶ Wine



▶ Paper



▶ Compass

■ South-Pointing Fish



Chinese Inventions

▶ Parachute

▶ Matches

▶ Clocks

▶ Kung Fu



Chinese Inventions



▶ Acupuncture



▶ Tea

▶ Abacus



▶ Gunpowder

■ Elixir of Life



Chinese Inventions

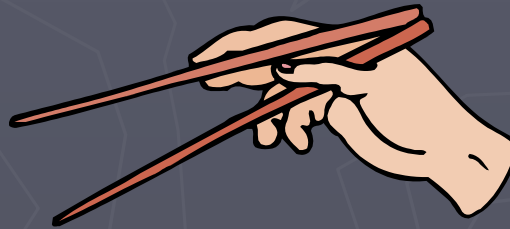
▶ Silk



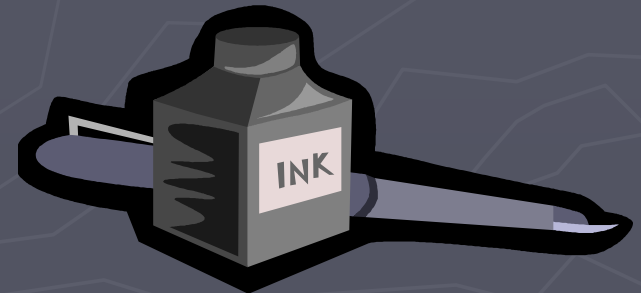
▶ Porcelain



▶ Chopsticks



▶ Ink



Chinese Inventions

▶ Ship Rudder

▶ Seismograph

▶ Wheelbarrow

▶ Fireworks



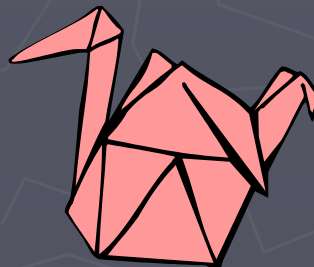
Chinese Inventions

▶ Printer

▶ Pasta

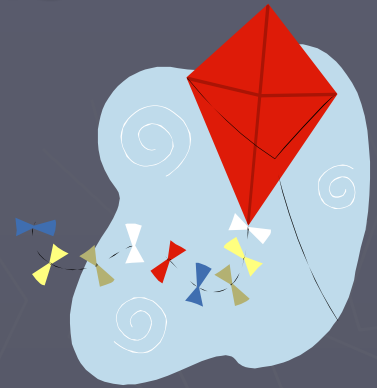
▶ Planetarium

▶ Origami



Chinese Inventions

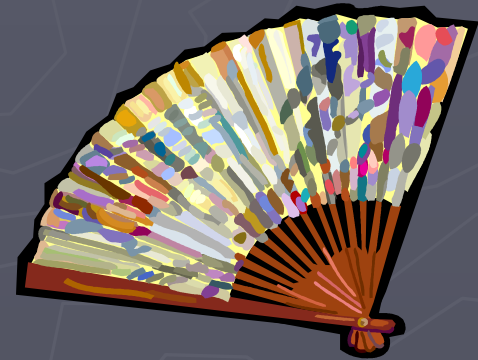
▶ Kites



▶ Umbrella



▶ Fan



▶ Yo-Yo



Chinese Zodiac

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Chinese Zodiac

鼠

Rat



- + smart, charming, imaginative
- grouchy, gossipy, secretive
- ? 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960, 1948

牛

Ox



- + generous, patient, determined
- gloomy, stubborn, blah
- ? 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961, 1949

虎

Tiger



- + daring, lucky, adventurous
- dramatic, selfish, cocky
- ? 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950

兔

Rabbit



- + smart, kind, intuitive
- touchy, superficial, crazy
- ? 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951

龍

Dragon



- + warm-hearted, successful, exciting
- gullible, demanding, short-fused
- ? 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952

蛇

Snake



- + curious, wise, graceful
- jealous, suspicious, greedy
- ? 2013, 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965, 1953

馬

Horse



- + charismatic, generous, heroic
- impatient, vain, hypocritical
- ? 2014, 2002, 1990, 1978, 1966, 1954

羊

Goat



- + easygoing, compassionate, creative
- naive, worrisome, irresponsible
- ? 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967, 1955

猴

Monkey



- + funny, lively, social
- devilish, phony, thoughtless
- ? 2016, 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968, 1956

鷄

Rooster



- + brave, kind-hearted, entertaining
- pushy, elitist, insecure
- ? 2017, 2005, 1993, 1981, 1969, 1957

犬

Dog



- + playful, giving, fearless
- skeptical, negative, unsatisfied
- ? 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970, 1958, 1946

猪

Pig



- + loving, persuasive, satisfied
- fearful, gluttonous, direct
- ? 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971, 1959, 1947

TED Talk

Chinese Zodiac

- ▶ Each year is represented by an animal
 - Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig
 - 12 Year Cycle

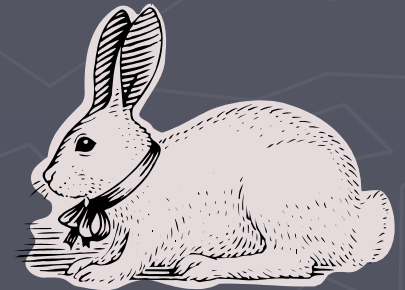
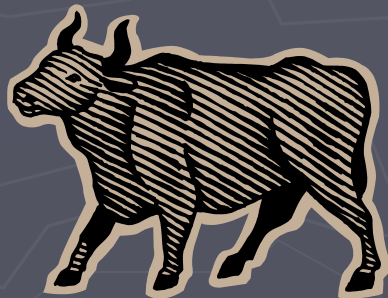
According to Chinese legend, the twelve animals quarreled one day as to who was to head the cycle of years. The gods were asked to decide and they held a contest: whoever was to reach the opposite bank of the river would be first, and the rest of the animals would receive their years according to their finish.

All the twelve animals gathered at the river bank and jumped in. Unknown to the ox, the rat had jumped upon his back. As the ox was about to jump ashore, the rat jumped off the ox's back, and won the race. The pig, who was very lazy, ended up last. That is why the rat is the first year of the animal cycle, the ox second, and the pig last.

Story

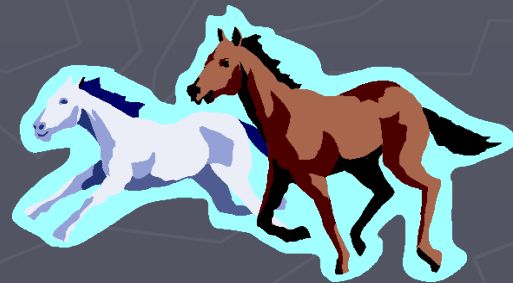
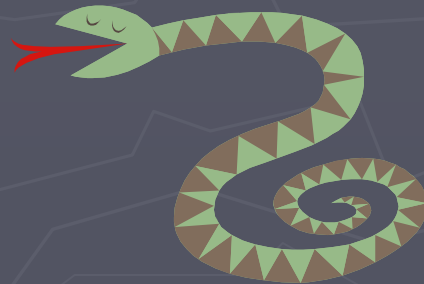
Chinese Zodiac

- ▶ Rat –1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008
 - Hard worker, perfectionist
- ▶ Ox - 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009
 - Patient, easily angered, stubborn
- ▶ Tiger - 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010
 - Sensitive, Suspicious of others
- ▶ Rabbit - 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011
 - Talented, kind, chooses the right thing



Chinese Zodiac

- ▶ Dragon - 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012
 - Energetic, honest, brave
- ▶ Snake - 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013
 - Wise, Selfish, Determined
- ▶ Horse - 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
 - Popular, cheerful, impatient
- ▶ Sheep - 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
 - Artistic, Shy, Gentle



Chinese Zodiac

- ▶ Monkey - 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
 - Clever, problem-solver, excellent memories
- ▶ Rooster - 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
 - Deep thinkers, Selfish, Brave
- ▶ Dog - 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
 - Loyal, Honest, stubborn, good leaders
- ▶ Pig - 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007
 - Strong, honest, loyal



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Belief Systems

► Confucianism

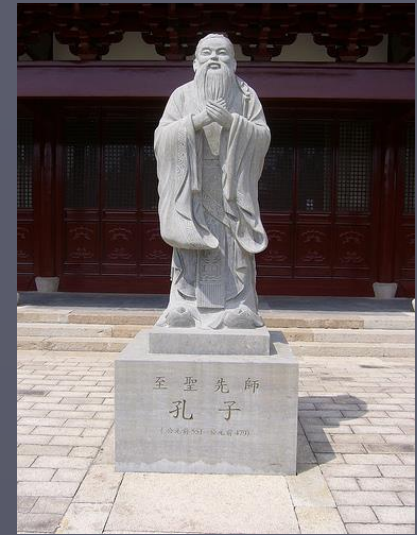
- Concentrating on peace
- Very influential

► Taoism

- Compassion, Moderation, Humility

► Legalism

- Strict following of laws



China Now

▶ China right now:

- Most populated country in the world
 - ▶ 1.3 billion people
- 5.6 million square miles (4th largest in the world)
 - ▶ Slightly smaller than the USA
- Borders 15 different countries
- A Communist government

