


Ancient China

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Ancient China is one of the oldest and longest lasting civilizations in the history of the world, and can be tracked back over 4000 years

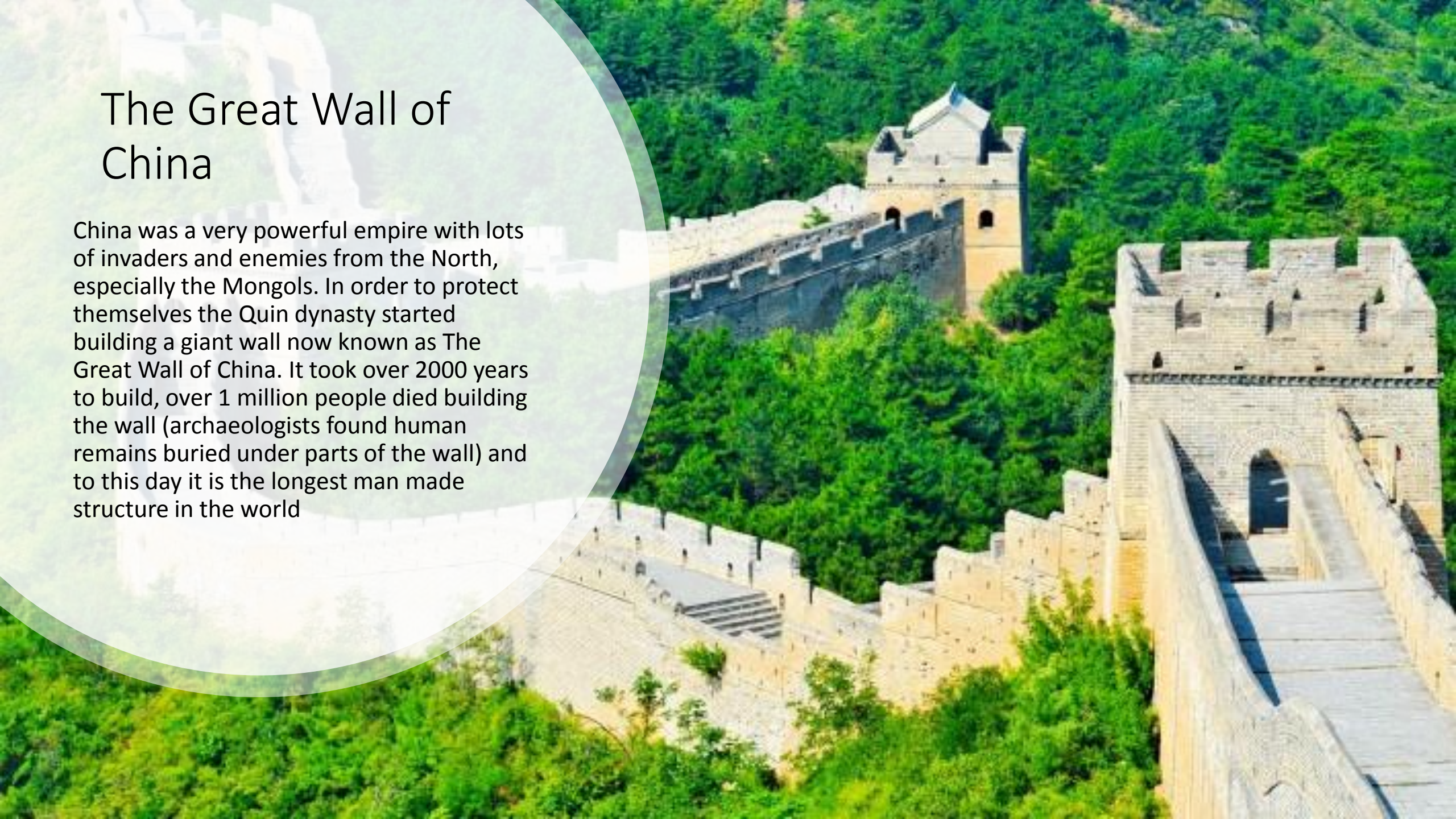


dynasties

- Throughout most of China's history it was ruled by powerful families called dynasties. The first dynasty was the Shang and the last was the Quing.

The Great Wall of China

China was a very powerful empire with lots of invaders and enemies from the North, especially the Mongols. In order to protect themselves the Qin dynasty started building a giant wall now known as The Great Wall of China. It took over 2000 years to build, over 1 million people died building the wall (archaeologists found human remains buried under parts of the wall) and to this day it is the longest man made structure in the world



Clothing

Clothing in Ancient China was a symbol of status. The rich and the poor dressed very differently.

Peasants wore clothing made of hemp. This was rough material made from plant fibres. It was durable and good for working in fields.

The people of higher status wore clothes made of silk. The Chinese were the first to make silk and kept how to make it a secret for hundreds of years. Silk garments were generally long robes. They could be dyed specific colours or with fancy designs. Girls were not allowed to wear hairpins until they were married.



INVENTIONS

Ancient China contributed countless inventions to the world, such as.....



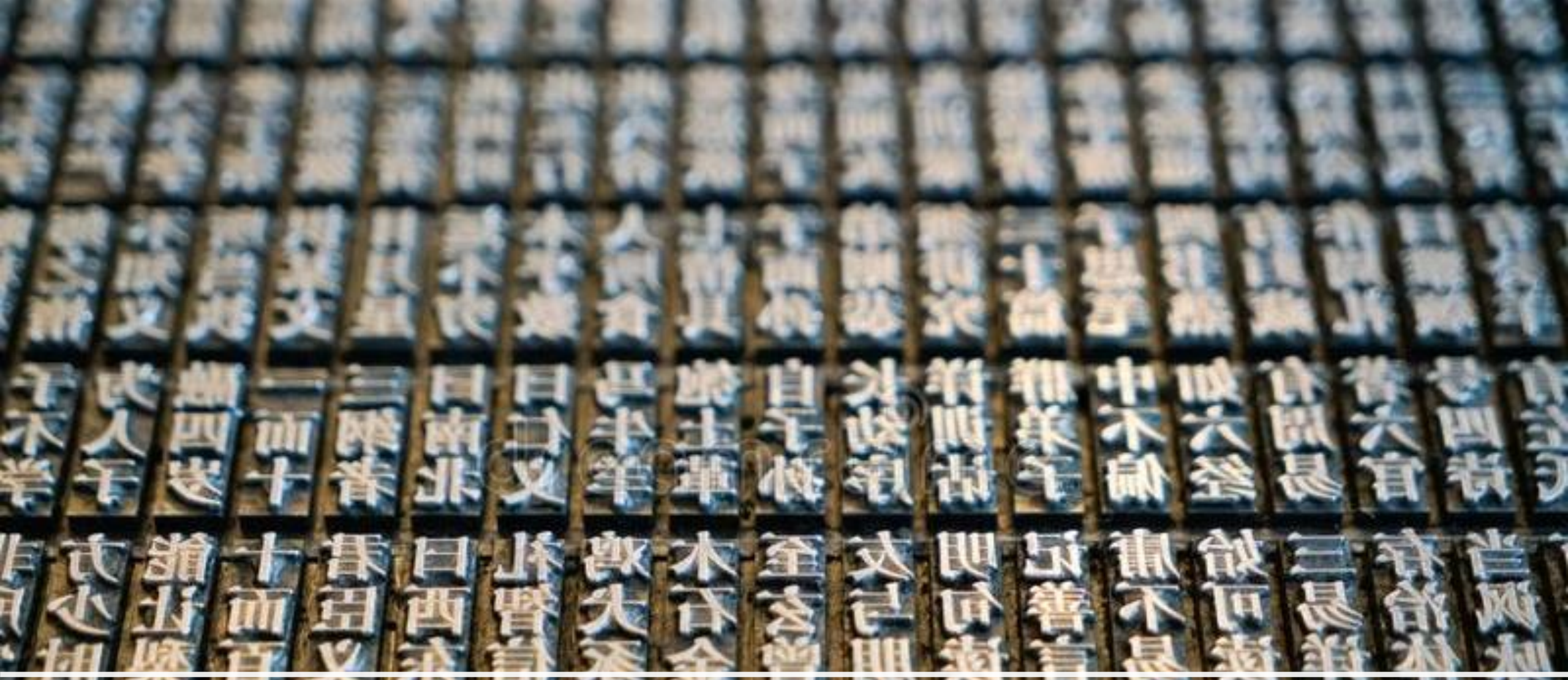
gunpowder

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地玄黃宇宙洪荒日月
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律呂調陽雲騰致雨露
農水至出崐岡劍號臣
果珍李柰棗重芥菜
潛羽翔龍師火帝鳥
字乃服衣裳推位讓
民伐皐周發殷湯坐
車慶育黎首臣伏戎
賓歸王鳴鳳在樹白駒

paper



printing

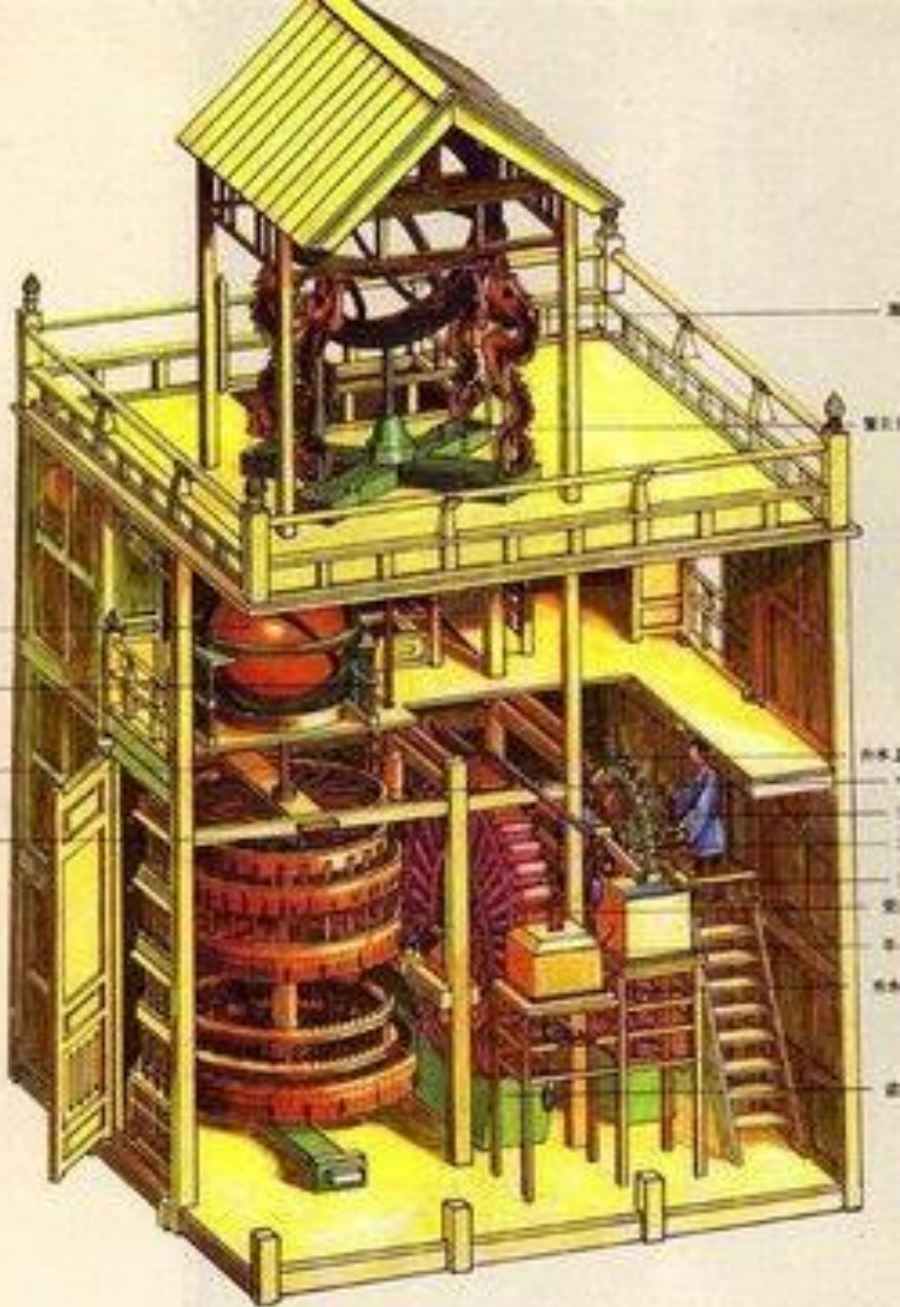


The compass



alcohol





The mechanical clock



silk



kites





umbrellas



Tea production



fireworks





The
toothbrush

And much more!!!

mythology

Chinese mythology tells us about the first legendary rulers of Ancient China. These wise men and demigods ruled long before the first Chinese dynasty.

The Three Sovereigns were powerful demigods who lived to be very old and brought peace and prosperity to the land during their rule.



Interesting facts about Chinese mythology

- Only the emperor could wear clothes that had pictures of the dragon.
- Nian (a Chinese demigod) was said to have the body of a bull and the head of a lion.
- Some records show that The Three Sovereigns each ruled for over 10000 years
- It was the goddess Leizu, who taught the Chinese how to make silk



From the Great wall of China,
to their MANY inventions
Ancient China has shaped our
world forever



The End