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The Great Wall of China



The Great Wall of China was begun under the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huangdi, over 2,000 years ago. It is really a group of shorter walls built during different time periods and connected together. It stretches some 5,500 miles across China and Mongolia. It was built over many centuries. The purpose of the wall was to keep invading barbarians out of China.

But, it was unsuccessful. Many parts of the wall are now in ruins. However, long sections of the wall have been restored and are a major tourist attraction. It is now listed as a World Heritage Site and protected under UNESCO. Today, visitors from around the world walk on the Great Wall and enjoy its splendor. Can you see the Great Wall of China from the moon? No, that is a myth.

1. Which emperor began the construction of the Great Wall?

2. What was the purpose of the Great Wall?

3. How long did it take to build the Great Wall?

4. What is the condition of the Great Wall today?

5. Is the Great Wall of China visible from the moon?
