

Thinking About the Article

Practice Vocabulary

The terms below are in the passage in bold type. Study the way each term is used. Then complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank.

empr

civilization

barbarian

peasants

dynasty

- 1 Sui emperors considered a Mongol a(n) _____.
- 2 The emperor of China depended on the _____ for food and labor.
- 3 The last _____ in China was the Qing.
- 4 Warriors and riders held honored places in Mongol _____.
- 5 In 1279 Kublai Khan made China part of the Mongol _____.

Understand the Article

Write the answer to each question.

- 6 Why did Shi Huangdi have the Great Wall built?

- 7 How did emperors immediately following the Sui dynasty try to stop invaders?

- 8 Why did the Chinese resent their Mongol rulers?

- 9 Why do you think sections of the Great Wall that builders repaired during the Ming dynasty are still standing?

Apply Your Skills

Circle the number of the best answer for each question.

- 10 Contrast the Mongols with the Chinese they conquered. How did they differ?
- (1) The Mongols were Christians.
 - (2) The Mongols relied on the strength of their army.
 - (3) The Chinese had built a vast empire.
 - (4) The Mongols resented Europeans.
 - (5) The Chinese valued learning over physical strength.
- 11 Compare the following dynasties. Which were the most alike?
- (1) Yuan and Ming
 - (2) Sui and Ming
 - (3) Tang and Sui
 - (4) Ming and Tang
 - (5) Mongol and Yuan
- 12 The United States government spends much of its defense budget on the military and counterattack weapons. Which dynasty applied this same idea for defense in early China?
- (1) Qin
 - (2) Sui
 - (3) Tang
 - (4) Mongol
 - (5) Ming

Connect with the Article

Write your answer to each question.

- 13 The Great Wall can no longer keep invaders out of China. How do you think aircraft helped make the wall an ineffective defense in wartime?

- 14 Do you consider any structures in the United States as awe-inspiring as the Great Wall of China? Explain your answer.
