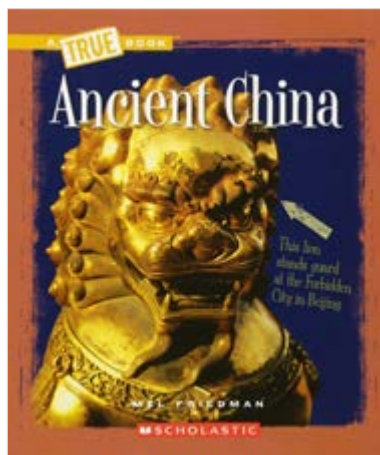


# Grade 2: Domain 2

## Ancient China



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●●● QT: 890L

Read-Alouds with this rating may demonstrate sophisticated syntax and nuanced content.

●●● QL: 3

These Read-Alouds often include sophisticated structures with nuanced purposes. The Read-Aloud structure may be innovative or complex, while its language may be unconventional, idiomatic, or otherwise specialized.

●●○ RT: 2

This unit's tasks and activities may contain some complexity; students will benefit from the knowledge they have built throughout the program.

**Summary:** This book is part of Scholastic's True Book: *Ancient Civilizations* series. Ancient China helps readers understand what is unique and distinctive about ancient China as well as its influence on some of the practices of the modern world. Topics covered include its history and rulers, art, music, entertainment, and everyday life.

### Essential Question

What was life like in ancient Asian civilizations?

**Note:** You may choose to read this text over a series of several days.

**Before Reading:** Create the following chart on the board before reading. Review the table of contents with students, pointing out that it matches the chart you created. Tell students that together you will take notes on each chapter, recording interesting and important information.

**During Reading:** Stop after each chapter and ask students to recall interesting and important information to add to the chart.

Chapter Title	Notes
Central Kingdom	
Heroes and History	
The Golden Age of Thought	
The Creative Spirit	
Everyday Life	
Strangers at the Gates	

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## Vocabulary Routine

### Tier 2 Vocabulary Words

ancestors  
traditions

### Tier 3 Vocabulary Words

civilization  
dynasty  
calligraphy

## Performance Task

Have students refer to the chart you created together. Ask them to list the three most interesting ideas from the book, writing in complete sentences.

## Writing Prompt

Have students write a short paragraph using the following prompt. Encourage students to write in complete sentences.

- Ancient China was an important civilization because...