

*Let's Learn About...*

# CHINA

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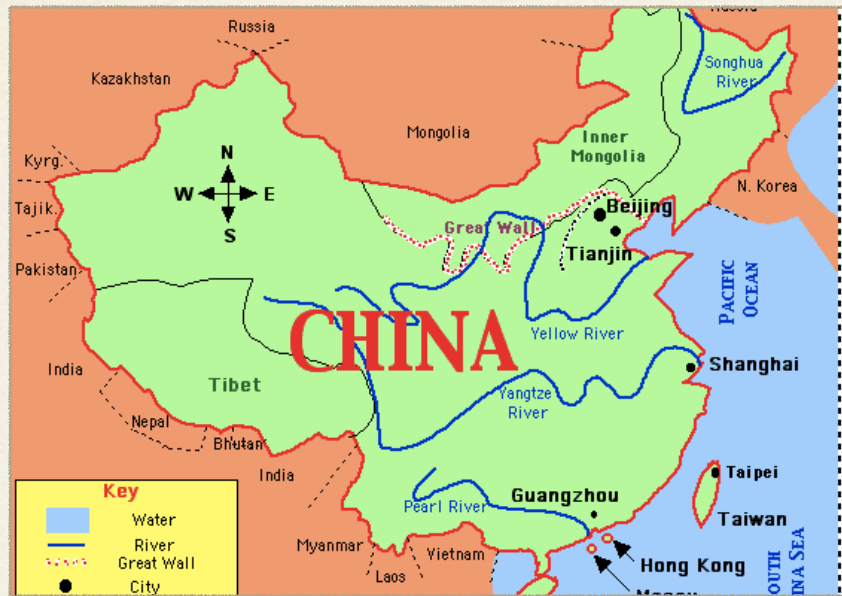


## *Chapter 1*

# CHINA

We are about to begin our study of China. In this study you will look carefully at maps of China, learn about the Chinese flag and its history, identify certain landforms, and experience different customs and traditions. Enjoy learning about this interesting Asian country!





- ❖ *China has many rivers...we will learn about the Yangtze River, the Pearl River, and the Yellow River. Can you name any famous US rivers?*
- ❖ *China has many countries surrounding it...you will need to name three. Can you name three countries that surround the USA?*
- ❖ *China has one of the five oceans to its east...can you name that? Can you name the ocean to the East of the USA?*
- ❖ *Using the map key can you name the capital city of China? Do you know the US capital city?*

## SECTION 1

# The Map

For thousands of years, the ancient Chinese thought they were pretty much alone on the planet Earth. They knew there were people to the north, the Felt Tent People - the Mongols - but they did not know that other advanced ancient civilizations existed anywhere else.

China's natural barriers to the west, south, and east helped to protect these early people from invasion.

China's natural barriers include seas - the China Sea and the Yellow Sea, both located in the Pacific Ocean. These seas provide a huge coastline, which provided trade routes and easy access to food.

China's natural barriers also include mountains, deserts, and rivers. As you can see, China has many natural barriers, all of which helped to keep her isolated from the rest of the world for many thousands of years.

<http://www.ancientchina.co.uk/geography/>

*Be sure to access the resource page for a Mapping Activity.*

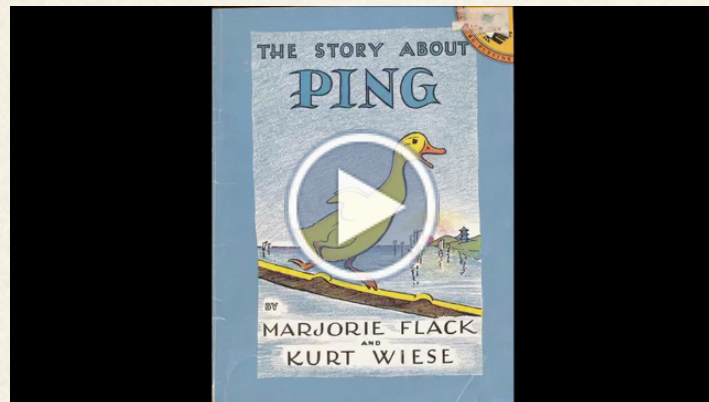
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CHINESE RIVER	CHINESE BORDER COUNTRIES	CHINESE OCEAN TO THE EAST	CHINESE CAPITAL CITY
US RIVER	US BORDER COUNTRIES	US OCEAN TO THE EAST	US CAPITAL CITY





*Movie 1.1 The Story of Ping*



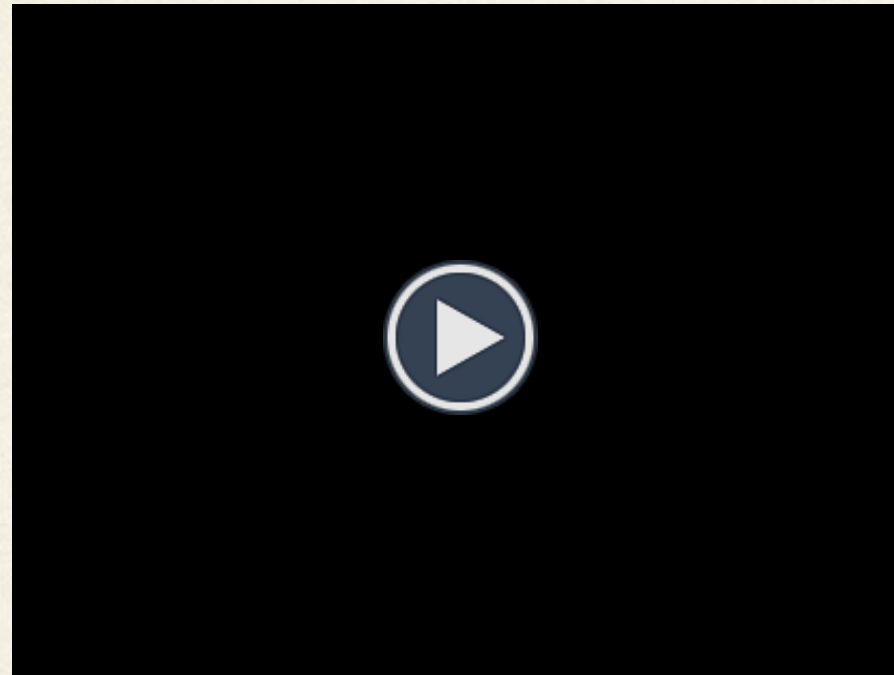
video capture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFIGlz4TGLA>

In this story, The Story of Ping, Marjorie Flack is able to help you envision the Yangtze River and what life is like there. Although this is a fictional story, the setting as well as some of the events are real.

At the end of the story, you will be expected to complete a follow up sheet.

*Teachers may access worksheet in the Resource Section of this text.*

*Yangtze River Voyage*



The Yangtze River is a bustle of activity. There is much commerce there and recently a huge power plant was built there to provide electrical power to the people of China. Many villages along the river bank were destroyed in the

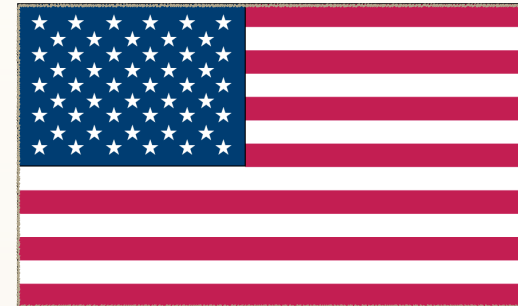
building of this plant however many feel that the benefits to the people China outweigh the losses.

The above video will truly take you down the Yangtze River and show the hydro-electric power plant.

## SECTION 2

# The Flag

Have you noticed that the Chinese Flag is very different from the United States Flag? It is important for you to understand that every country's flag reflects its history. Our country's flag looks like the photo below:



Do you know the meaning of each symbol on your country's flag? Compare the symbols on both flags.

<http://www.usflag.org/colors.html>

*Be sure to access the Resource Section to access the Flag Activity.*



- ❖ *China's national flag was adopted in September, 1949. This flag was first flown in Tiananmen Square on October 1, 1949 - the day of the founding of the People's Republic of China.*
- ❖ *The rectangular flag has a red field with five golden-yellow stars (each with five points) in the upper left corner. The star on the left is larger than the other four.*
- ❖ *The red color of the flag symbolizes revolution. The large star symbolizes the Communist Party (which rules China) and the smaller stars represent the people of China.*

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## RESOURCES

- ❖ *To the right are teacher made resources that match the areas of study in this text.*
- ❖ *To access the resources click the hyperlink and print document directly.*

## SECTION 3

# Resources

[Map Activity Sheet](#) -- label and color various interests in China.

[The Story of Ping](#) -- worksheet on setting, geography, and industry.

[Flag Activity](#) -- color the Chinese Flag and answer questions related to its history.

The links within this glossary will provide you with the supplemental worksheets and activities needed to complete your study of China.

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