

The Great Wall of China: Arbitrary Borders and Historical Legacy

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The Great Wall was first built during the Qin dynasty (221-206 BCE), and it was originally intended to protect China from nomadic tribes from the north. Over the centuries, the wall was extended and rebuilt by successive dynasties, and it eventually reached a length of over 13,000 miles. The wall was never completely successful in preventing invasions, but it did serve to slow down and deter attackers. It also helped to establish a sense of unity

among the Chinese people, and it became a symbol of China's strength and resilience.

However, the Great Wall also had a negative impact on China. The construction of the wall required a massive amount of labor and resources, and it led to the deaths of many workers. The wall also divided China into two distinct regions: the north and the south. The north was home to the nomadic tribes who were the primary target of the wall, while the south was home to the settled agricultural population of China. This division had a profound impact on China's history, and it contributed to the development of two distinct cultures in China.

In the 20th century, the Great Wall became a symbol of China's resistance to foreign invasion. During the Japanese invasion of China in the 1930s, the Chinese people used the Great Wall as a rallying point for resistance. The wall also became a symbol of China's strength and resilience during the Cold War. Today, the Great Wall is a popular tourist destination, and it is a reminder of China's long and complex history.

The Great Wall of China is a testament to the ingenuity of the Chinese people. It is a symbol of China's strength and resilience, and it has played a complex role in China's history. However, the Great Wall is also a reminder of the arbitrary nature of borders, and it has had a negative impact on China. The Great Wall is a reminder that borders are often drawn without Rücksicht auf the people who live on either side of them.

The Great Wall and the Mongolian Empire

The Mongolian Empire was one of the largest empires in history, and it stretched from Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean. The Mongols were a

nomadic people, and they were skilled horsemen and archers. They were also very effective at siege warfare, and they were able to conquer many fortified cities. In 1211, the Mongols invaded China, and they quickly conquered the northern part of the country. The Mongols were unable to conquer the southern part of China, but they did establish a dynasty that ruled over China for over a century. The Mongols built a number of new fortifications in China, and they also repaired and strengthened the Great Wall. The Mongols used the Great Wall to defend their empire from nomadic tribes from the north, and they also used it to control the movement of people and goods within the empire.

The Mongolian Empire eventually collapsed in the 14th century, but the Great Wall continued to be used by successive Chinese dynasties. The wall was repaired and strengthened several times over the centuries, and it remained a formidable defensive barrier. The Great Wall was finally abandoned in the 19th century, when the Chinese government began to focus on modernizing its military. The Great Wall is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it is a popular tourist destination.

The Great Wall and the Qing Dynasty

The Qing dynasty was the last imperial dynasty of China, and it ruled from 1644 to 1912. The Qing dynasty was established by the Manchus, a nomadic people from Manchuria. The Manchus were able to conquer China in a relatively short period of time, and they established a dynasty that lasted for over 250 years. The Qing dynasty was one of the most prosperous and peaceful periods in Chinese history. The Qing emperors were also great patrons of the arts and culture, and they oversaw a period of great cultural and intellectual achievement. The Qing dynasty also saw the construction of some of the most famous landmarks in China, including

the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace. The Qing dynasty also saw the expansion of the Great Wall. The Qing emperors extended the wall to the west, and they also built a number of new fortifications along the wall. The Qing emperors used the Great Wall to defend their empire from nomadic tribes from the north, and they also used it to control the movement of people and goods within the empire.

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The Great Wall Today

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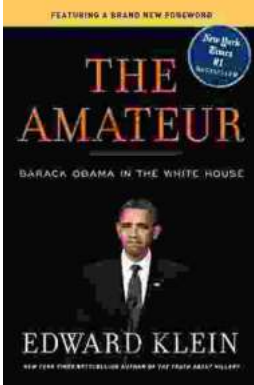


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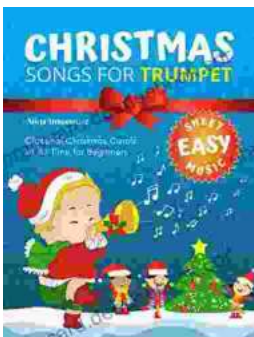
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