

The Great Wall of China

Complete lesson pack for Grades 6-7 | Ages 11-13 | 60-minute lesson

Essential question
Could a Wall Protect an Empire?

Open the 60-minute lesson

Route	Open	Print for 30 students / 8 groups
60 minutes	Great_Wall_60_Minute_Lesson_v2.3.pptx	Student handout: 4 pages x 30; group pages: 2 x 8 = 136 required printed faces

Before class

- Open the PPTX for editable slides or the matching PDF for a fixed-layout backup.
- Print the matching student handout. Use the language-support version as a replacement for students who need it.
- Print one two-page Group Evidence and Plan set per group.
- Have pencils and, if possible, one colored pencil per student.

Optional files

The five-question quiz and 10-15 minute homework are separate, optional uses. They are not included in the required print totals above. Teacher answers are in the guide.

Teaching idea

Students move from close observation to historical context, then test how signaling, supplies, people, and movement shaped what a wall could do. Every student ends with an individual answer to the essential question.

Use of visuals
Modern photographs show surviving places. Maps and teaching illustrations support classroom reasoning; they are not photographs of a single ancient event or exact reconstructions.