

Ancient Chinese Dynasties: *Ming*

The Ming Dynasty ruled China from 1368 to 1644. It began with the overthrow of the Yuan Dynasty. The Ming period is known for its large military and beautiful art. The Ming Dynasty also completed large building projects, such as the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China.

It was during the Ming period that China began trading with European ships from Portugal, the Netherlands and Spain. The large Chinese navy also explored and traded with other countries.

At the end of the Ming period, the military suffered numerous defeats. Crops failed due to bad weather conditions. The Ming Dynasty was overthrown by the Qing Dynasty, the last of the ancient Chinese dynasties. At the end of the Ming period, China had an estimated population of over 160 million people.



The Great Wall of China was built mostly during the Ming Dynasty. The wall is over 3,800 miles long.

The Wanli Emperor was the longest reigning Ming ruler. He ruled China for 48 years, from 1572-1620.



Ming artists created beautiful ceramics, paintings and sculpture.



Q and A

What year did the Ming Dynasty begin? _____

During the Ming period, what countries came to China to trade?

How long is the Great Wall of China? _____

What dynasty came after the Ming Dynasty? _____

Ming Maze:

Find your way through the Imperial Palace from the blue room to the red room without crossing a line.

