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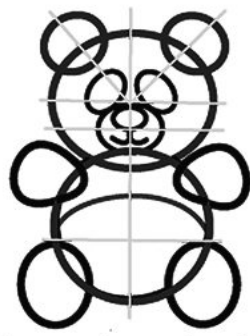
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Fine China

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In honor of the Chinese New Year, we're going to take a look at a country with more than a billion people, fun foods and a very interesting history.

China highlights

Depending on who you ask, the United States is a little bigger than China, or China is a little bigger than the United States. This is probably because the United States claims some ocean area around its land as its own. But no one can dispute that China has more people. If you add 1 billion people to the U.S. population, you still won't have enough for China! But just like here, you'll find many more people in the cities, so it won't seem all that crowded if you go out into the country.

Chinese food

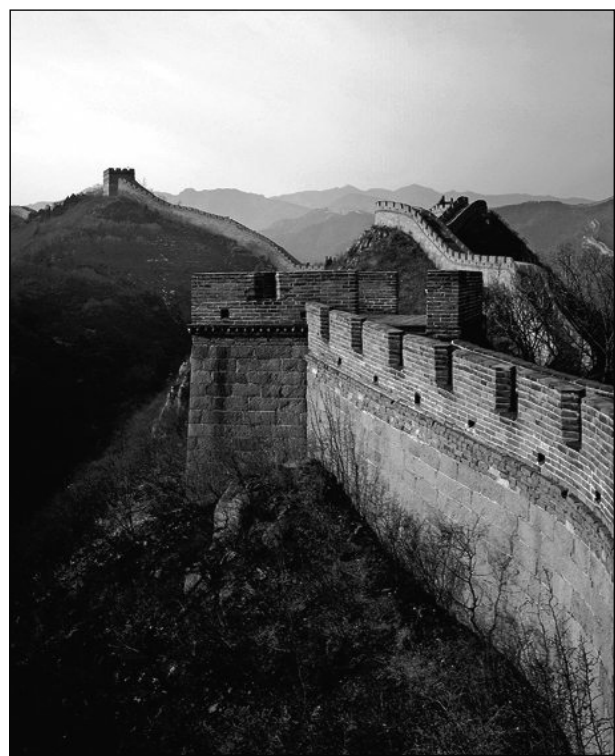
You might think you know all about Chinese food already, because you can get it just about anywhere. But what the Chinese people eat is a little bit different than what we do. For example, you might not be able to find beef with broccoli in China, because Chinese people generally don't like beef that much. Any salad is probably not authentic, because until recently Chinese people didn't have a way to get clean produce, so they cooked all their vegetables to kill bacteria. Even fortune cookies aren't authentic. But the Chinese people do eat a lot of rice and noodles, and they often add exotic fungi and animals like frogs, turtles and insects to their dishes.



Steamed dumplings filled with things like pork, shrimp or vegetables are a popular dish in China. [WIKIMEDIA COMMONS]

China weather

China has warm summers and cold winters just like the United States, because China is in the Northern Hemisphere, which is the top half of the Earth. But there are some differences. For example, we get hurricanes in the United States - big



The Great Wall of China is approximately 13,171 miles long and considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world. [FREEPIK]

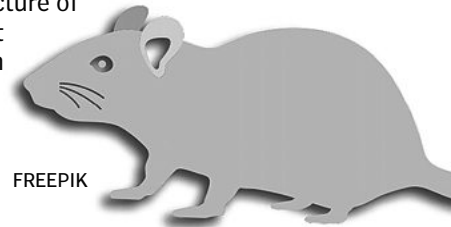
storms that form over the water and bring heavy rain and strong winds to land. In China, that same type of storm is called a typhoon.

The Great Wall

One of China's most famous landmarks is the Great Wall, which is actually a series of smaller walls built centuries ago to keep invaders out. The one that stands today was built by the Ming dynasty, which was a period from 1368 to 1644. Despite its size, the wall didn't work very well. The people who were supposed to protect the wall lived in such cold, harsh conditions that they were unprepared to fight, and some made friends with the people who were supposed to be their enemies. And in the end, when the Ming dynasty was defeated, it wasn't by the people who lived outside the wall at all; it came from inside the country. But the wall still stands today and is thought of as one of the most impressive pieces of architecture in the world.

Activity: Happy Chinese New Year!

The Chinese New Year doesn't begin on Jan. 1, when our new year started, it began on Jan. 25. To celebrate the new year and this year's animal - it's the Year of the Rat - make a card or poster using a rat. You could draw one or cut out a picture of one, just have fun with it!



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