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The Mystery on the Great Wall of China

## Fascinating Facts China

- ° The People's Republic of China is the fourth largest country in the world. Which countries are larger than China? The largest country in the world is Russia, followed by Canada and the United States.
- China has the highest population of any country in the world. More than one billion people live there!
- The giant panda is found only in southwestern China. The Chinese love the animals dearly and call them "large bear-cats." Giant pandas are about as big as a stick of butter when they are born!
- The Chinese invented many things that we use today! The four most important inventions from China were papermaking, printing, gunpowder, and the compass.

 A Chinese emperor named Shi Huang-Ti built a network of 270 palaces during his reign. He was so afraid of being murdered that he slept in a different palace every night!

- The Great Wall of China stretches for 4,160 miles across the country. It's about 20 feet wide and 26 feet high. It was built to keep out invading armies.
- There are more than 40,000 characters in Chinese script!
- Three of the world's longest rivers begin in China!

