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### The Great Pyramid of Giza

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built for King Khufu, a pharaoh of Egypt. He ordered 100,000 people to make the pyramid. He wanted it to be a giant monument over his tomb. The workers created a pyramid that is 454 feet tall. That's as tall as a 48-story building!

### The Great Wall of China

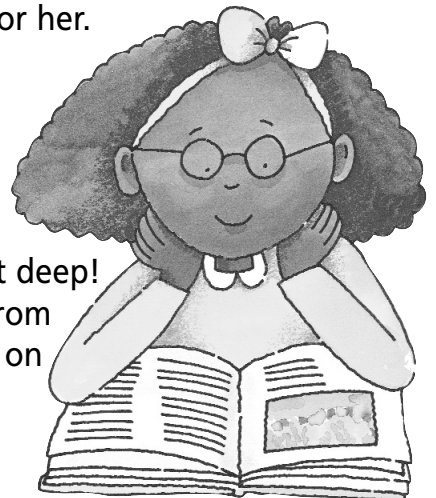
The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago. It was built to defend China from their northern enemies, the Huns. The wall stretches over 4,000 miles across China. It has special forts with secret entrances and stairways to confuse enemies if the wall was invaded. The wall is so big that astronauts can see it while orbiting the earth!

### Taj Mahal

Many people think the Taj Mahal is the most beautiful building ever built. It is made of expensive white marble with carvings and jewels as decoration. Muslim Emperor Shah Jahan built it for his wife Mumtaz Mahal after she died during childbirth. The emperor built his queen this beautiful tomb as a monument of his love for her.

### Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon is located in Arizona. It is a giant canyon formed by erosion from the Colorado River. The canyon covers over a million acres of land! In some places, it is over 6,000 feet deep! It was made into a national park in 1919. Now, people come from all over the world to ride down the canyon on a donkey or raft on the Colorado River.



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### **Machu Picchu**

Machu Picchu is an ancient city in Peru built by the Incas. It was a secret fortress located on a high peak between two mountains. The city contained temples, sacred plazas, and houses. Machu Picchu was specially designed to be invisible from below to protect the Incas from invasion. Explorers have found many temple artifacts and mummies in its ruins.

### **Leaning Tower of Pisa**

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a bell tower in Pisa, Italy. It is famous because it leans nearly 17 feet to the south. During construction, the uneven soil under the tower caused the foundation to sink and lean. The tower continues to sink today. Many scientists are working hard to prevent this landmark from falling over.

### **Mt. Everest**

Mt. Everest is the tallest mountain in the world. It is located in the Himalayan mountain range in Nepal. Many people have tried to make the dangerous climb to the mountain's summit. On their way to the top, they have little oxygen to breathe and face ice avalanches and hurricane-force winds.

### **Giants Causeway**

The Giants Causeway is a famous geographic feature in Northern Ireland. It is special because of its unique rock formations. Some people think they were formed by volcanic eruptions. The lava from the volcano hardened and created 40,000 columns of rock. An old myth says the Causeway was actually a road built by giants to get to Scotland!