

# **Lesson Plan: "The Great Wall of China: A Wonder of Ancient Engineering"**

**Age Group:** 7-12 years

**Duration:** 45-60 minutes

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## **Objective:**

Students will learn about the Great Wall of China, including its history, construction, and significance. They will understand why it is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

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## **Materials Needed:**

- Video Tutorial: "The Great Wall of China: A Wonder of Ancient Engineering"
  - Chart paper or whiteboard
  - Markers
  - Printable Great Wall templates
  - Craft supplies (colored paper, glue, scissors)
  - Fact sheet about the Great Wall of China
  - Images or diagrams of the wall
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## **Introduction (5-10 minutes):**

### **1. Greeting & Introduction:**

- Start with: "Today, we're going to explore one of the most incredible structures in history: the Great Wall of China!"

### **2. Brief Discussion:**

- Ask students if they have ever heard of the Great Wall of China or seen pictures of it. Discuss what they know.
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## **Main Activity (30-40 minutes):**

### *1. Watch the Video (5-7 minutes):*

- Play the video tutorial "The Great Wall of China: A Wonder of Ancient Engineering."
- Encourage students to focus on the size, purpose, and construction of the wall.

### *2. Discussion & Activities (20-30 minutes):*

- **Big and Strong:**
  - Discuss the length and materials used to build the Great Wall. Show images or diagrams to help visualize its grandeur.
  - **Activity:** Create a simple model of the Great Wall using printable templates and craft supplies.
- **Ancient Protection:**
  - Explain the purpose of the Great Wall, including its use for protection and the watchtowers along its length.
  - **Activity:** Draw or write about what it might have been like to be a soldier on the Great Wall.
- **Incredible Construction:**
  - Discuss how the wall was built, including the methods and tools used.
  - **Activity:** Build a small model of a section of the wall using blocks or craft materials to demonstrate construction techniques.
- **World Wonder:**
  - Explain why the Great Wall is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World.
  - **Activity:** Create a "Wonder of the World" poster with facts and pictures about the Great Wall.

### *3. Great Wall Facts:*

- Provide a fact sheet with interesting details about the Great Wall.

- **Activity:** Have students create a fact file or booklet about the Great Wall of China, including illustrations and key points.
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## **Conclusion (5-10 minutes):**

1. **Recap Key Points:**
    - Review what was learned about the Great Wall of China, its size, purpose, and construction.
  2. **Q&A:**
    - Invite students to ask questions and share their thoughts about the Great Wall.
  3. **Reflection:**
    - Discuss why the Great Wall continues to fascinate people today and what it teaches us about ancient civilizations.
  4. **Closing Activity:**
    - End with a brief activity where students share one new thing they learned about the Great Wall of China.
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## **Extension Ideas:**

- **Virtual Tour:** Explore virtual tours of the Great Wall of China online to give students a more immersive experience.
  - **Historical Research Project:** Have students research other ancient structures or wonders and compare them to the Great Wall.
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This lesson plan is designed to make the study of the Great Wall of China engaging and informative, helping students appreciate its historical and architectural significance.