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The Terracotta Army

It's 1974 in China's Shaanxi province,
Farmers were trying to dig a well.
Instead, they struck something with a shovel.
Could that be a man's head? It was too hard to tell.
It turns out what they found was a clay figurine.
They told officials, and then came an archaeological team.
They were stunned when their _____ uncovered
Thousands of clay statues next to each other:
Life-size _____ warriors and horses,
And chariots in chambers that were enormous.
The Terracotta Army is what it's called now—
About 8,000 warriors and more in the ground.
They had well-preserved swords, battle axes, and spears.
And each one was crafted with _____ details
To represent what they looked and dressed like in real life.
So many questions arose, like who built them, and why?
The Terracotta Army is just one piece
Of a larger _____ that took a lot to complete.
About 39 years and 700,000 men,
With China's first emperor is where it would begin.
Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of Qin,
At the young age of 13, he became king
Of the Qin state. And later in 221 BCE,
He became emperor with a kingdom to run.
He unified China, conquering six other states,
And brought a lot of change during his _____. He even laid
The foundations for the Great Wall, and he standardized

The Chinese writing system. Yes, he must have been wise.

He was known to have a great interest in immortality

And was always searching for ways to achieve _____.

Believe it or not, as a teen,

He even asked _____ to start building his mausoleum.

In ancient China, it was common to bury the dead

With cherished objects that resembled the life they led.

It was believed that familiar objects would help ease

Their trip to the afterlife, as we proceed.

To this day many come to China to view

The Terracotta Army guarding Qin Shi Huang's tomb.