



GUIDE TO GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

To complete each Geography Challenge card, answer the questions in complete sentences. Label the map on the opposite page as directed.

Question 1 Possible answer: The seas may have provided protection from the east and allowed China to trade with other countries.

Question 2 The territory controlled by dynasties might have grown because population increased, causing people to move into areas that were less populated. Also, various rulers might have used force to add territories.

Question 3 The Huang He and the Chang Jiang were important because they would have provided water for farming.

Question 4 The Shang controlled the smallest area of China; the Han controlled the largest.

Question 5 Approximately 1,035 years; the areas might have been unsuitable for settlement because of geographic features such as mountains and deserts or extreme weather conditions. Also, the people may have been too strong to be conquered.

Question 6 The Great Wall might have been built as protection against the people who lived in the north or to prevent people from moving north.

Question 7 The Han controlled territories that are not part of modern China. Vietnam and Korea are the two present-day countries south and northeast of China that were controlled by this dynasty.

Question 8 The majority group may believe they are descendants of the people who controlled the largest area of ancient China. Minority groups might live in the southwest or northeast as these areas were not controlled by the Han dynasty.

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