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***Qin Dynasty***

Ancient China had many rulers and dynasties that lasted long periods while others ruled for several years. However, each dynasty had its own accomplishments and contributions to the world.

The qin dynasty wasn’t as long as the other dynasties. It lasted only fifteen years from 221 B.C. to 206 B.C. Despite this, it was one of the most accomplished dynasties. During the Qin Dynasty. Many standards were established in order to eliminate the inconsistency of other time periods. These included establishing a set written and verbal Chinese language so that all the areas of Chino could communicate with each other. Otherwise they couldn’t communicate. Other standards included money, the length of axles on cartwheels, and measurements. These improved conditions in China (Qin Dynasty).

Although they contributed to its collapse. Projects involving public works were also a major accomplishment in the Qin Dynasty. These projects sometimes involved building roads and creating better irrigation canals and palaces and buildings were also built. To protect against northern attackers, Shi Huangdi also connected previously-built sections of the Great Wall. (Qin Dynasty)

An achievement the Qin Dynasty is most known for is the contruction of thousands of full-sized terra cotta figures, these included horses armed soldiers and chariots and they were constructed as an army to protect shi Huangdi after he died (Roberts).

Despite these accomplishments, the glory of the Qin Dynasty wasn’t that long. Shi Huangdi was not widely supported and his public work projects were hated. Over 400,000 Chinese died making the Great Wall. This brought on the fall of the Qin Dynasty (Roberts).

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