

Ming Dynasty Assessment
Student Name:
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## **Assessment Details**

Duration: 45 minutes Total Marks: 120

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- Introduction to the Ming Dynasty
  - Key Figures and Events

Topics Covered:

- Cultural and Economic Achievements
- The Great Wall and the Forbidden City

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# Section A: Multiple Choice [20 marks]

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- A) Zhu Yuanzhang
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- C) Qin Shi Huang
- D) Emperor Taizong

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What was the main purpose of the Great Wall of China during the Ming Dynasty?

- A) To protect the empire from invaders
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Who was a notable figure of the Ming Dynasty and what were their contributions?

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# Question 5 [2 marks]

What was the significance of the Forbidden City during the Ming Dynasty?

- A) It was the imperial palace of the Ming emperors
- B) It was a symbol of the emperor's power
- C) It was a center of trade and commerce
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## Section B: Short Answer Questions [30 marks]

#### Question 6 [5 marks]

Describe the significance of the Great Wall of China during the Ming Dynasty. (150-200 words)

#### Question 7 [5 marks]

What were some of the key economic achievements of the Ming era? (150-200 words)

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Who was a notable figure of the Ming Dynasty and what were their contributions? (100-150 words)

#### Question 9 [5 marks]

Describe the cultural achievements of the Ming era, including the development of porcelain and the creation of the Forbidden City. (150-200 words)

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# Section C: Project-Based Task [30 marks]

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# Section D: Essay Question [20 marks]

### Question 12 [20 marks]

Choose one of the following essay questions and write a well-structured essay response (300-400 words).

- 1. Describe the cultural and economic achievements of the Ming era.
- 2. Explain the significance of the Forbidden City during the Ming Dynasty.
- 3. Discuss the importance of the Great Wall of China during the Ming Dynasty.

# Section E: Activities [20 marks]

#### Question 13 [5 marks]

Create a timeline of the Ming Dynasty, including key events and dates.

#### Question 14 [5 marks]

Design a new architectural feature for the Forbidden City.

### Question 15 [5 marks]

Write a short story or poem about life during the Ming Dynasty.

#### Question 16 [5 marks]

Research and create a presentation about a notable figure of the Ming Dynasty.

# **Assessment Rubric**

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Multiple Choice Questions	20
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Total	120

### Conclusion

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# **Extension Activities**

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## **Differentiation Options**

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## Bloom's Taxonomy Alignment

Knowledge: Identify key figures, explain the significance of the Great Wall and the Forbidden City Comprehension: Describe the cultural and economic achievements of the Ming era Application: Create a visual project representing the Great Wall of China Analysis: Evaluate the significance of the Great Wall and the Forbidden City Synthesis: Design a new architectural feature for the Forbidden City Evaluation: Assess the impact of the Ming Dynasty on Chinese history

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### **Clear Success Criteria**

Students will be able to identify key figures of the Ming Dynasty Students will be able to explain the significance of the Great Wall and the Forbidden City Students will be able to describe the cultural and economic achievements of the Ming era Students will demonstrate understanding through a visual project or written response

## **Evidence Collection Methods**

Observations of student participation and engagement Review of student projects and written responses Quizzes and tests to assess knowledge and understanding Student self-assessments and reflections

# **Feedback Opportunities**

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### Ming Dynasty's Economic Achievements

The Ming Dynasty was a period of significant economic growth and development in China. The dynasty saw the establishment of a strong and centralized government, which helped to promote trade and commerce. The Ming government also invested heavily in infrastructure, including the construction of roads, canals, and bridges, which facilitated the transportation of goods and people.

## Example: The Grand Canal

The Grand Canal, built during the Ming Dynasty, was one of the most impressive engineering feats of its time. Stretching over 1,100 miles, it connected the Yellow River to the Yangtze River, facilitating trade and commerce between the north and south of China.

The Ming Dynasty also saw the development of a thriving maritime trade, with Chinese ships sailing to ports in Southeast Asia, India, and even East Africa. The dynasty's economic achievements had a lasting impact on Chinese society, laying the foundation for China's emergence as a major economic power in the centuries that followed.

#### Ming Dynasty's Cultural Achievements

The Ming Dynasty was a period of significant cultural achievement in China, with major advances in literature, art, and architecture. The dynasty saw the development of a new style of Chinese painting, characterized by intricate brushwork and vivid colors. The Ming Dynasty also saw the construction of some of China's most famous landmarks, including the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven.

## Case Study: The Forbidden City

The Forbidden City, built during the Ming Dynasty, was the imperial palace of the Chinese emperors for over 500 years. With over 980 buildings and more than 8,700 rooms, it is one of the largest and most impressive palace complexes in the world.

The Ming Dynasty also saw the development of a thriving literary scene, with famous writers such as Wu Cheng'en and Tang Xianzu producing works that are still studied and admired today. The dynasty's cultural achievements had a lasting impact on Chinese society, shaping the country's artistic, literary, and architectural traditions for centuries to come.

#### Ming Dynasty's Social Structure

The Ming Dynasty was a period of significant social change in China, with a strict social hierarchy and a strong emphasis on Confucian values. The dynasty saw the development of a powerful and influential scholar-official class, which played a major role in shaping Chinese society and government.

#### Example: The Imperial Examination System

The imperial examination system, established during the Ming Dynasty, was a rigorous and highly competitive system of exams that tested a candidate's knowledge of Confucian classics, literature, and philosophy. The system was used to select candidates for government positions and was a key factor in the development of the scholar-official class.

The Ming Dynasty also saw the development of a thriving merchant class, with trade and commerce playing an increasingly important role in Chinese society. However, the dynasty's social structure was also marked by significant inequality, with a large gap between the wealthy and the poor.

#### Ming Dynasty's Foreign Relations

The Ming Dynasty was a period of significant foreign relations activity in China, with the dynasty establishing trade and diplomatic relations with a number of foreign countries. The dynasty saw the development of a thriving maritime trade, with Chinese ships sailing to ports in Southeast Asia, India, and even East Africa.

## Case Study: The Ming Dynasty's Relations with Japan

The Ming Dynasty's relations with Japan were marked by a series of conflicts and tensions, including the Japanese invasion of Korea in the 16th century. However, the dynasty also established trade and diplomatic relations with Japan, with Chinese ships sailing to Japanese ports and Japanese traders visiting China.

The Ming Dynasty also saw the development of a significant diplomatic relationship with the Mongols, with the dynasty establishing a series of trade and diplomatic agreements with the Mongol khanates. The dynasty's foreign relations had a lasting impact on Chinese society, shaping the country's relations with its neighbors and the wider world.

### Ming Dynasty's Legacy

The Ming Dynasty had a lasting impact on Chinese society, shaping the country's politics, economy, culture, and foreign relations for centuries to come. The dynasty's legacy can be seen in the many landmarks and cultural institutions that it established, including the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the imperial examination system.

## Example: The Forbidden City

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The Ming Dynasty's legacy also extends beyond China, with the dynasty's cultural and economic achievements having a significant impact on the wider world. The dynasty's trade and diplomatic relations with foreign countries helped to establish China as a major player on the world stage, and its cultural achievements continue to inspire and influence people around the world today.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Ming Dynasty was a period of significant achievement and transformation in China, with major advances in politics, economy, culture, and foreign relations. The dynasty's legacy continues to shape Chinese society and the wider world today, and its cultural and economic achievements remain an important part of China's heritage.

## Case Study: The Ming Dynasty's Lasting Impact

The Ming Dynasty's lasting impact can be seen in the many ways in which it continues to shape Chinese society and the wider world today. From the Forbidden City to the imperial examination system, the dynasty's legacy is a testament to its significant achievements and contributions to Chinese history.

The Ming Dynasty's story is a complex and fascinating one, full of intrigue, drama, and achievement. Through its history, we can gain a deeper understanding of the complexities and challenges of Chinese society, and the ways in which the country has evolved and developed over time.

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