

## Writing A Magazine Article

Your task is to write a magazine article about ancient China. Your article should detail the achievements you think are the most important or interesting.

### PREWRITING

- 1. Getting an Overview** Write one sentence about the Sui, Tang, and Song dynasties. Then, write one or two sentences about Buddhism.

**Sui:**

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**Tang:**

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**Song:**

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**Buddhism:**

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- 2. Identifying Achievements and Inventions** In a chart like the one below, make a list of the achievements of the Tang and Song dynasties. Which ones might you include in your article?

Tang	Song
Produced some of China's greatest artists and writers	Improved farming techniques

- 3. Gathering Ideas about Confucianism and Government** Write two sentences about Confucianism and two sentences about new ideas for government.

**Confucianism:**

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**Government:**

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**4. Identifying Achievements of the Later Dynasties** In a chart like the one below, list the achievements of the Mongol and Ming dynasties.

Mongol	Ming
Conquered a large part of Asia	Improved ships and sailing skills

Review your notes and rate the achievements or inventions. On the lines below, list the three you think are most important. You will write about these three in your magazine article.

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## WRITING

**5. Writing a Magazine Article** Follow the steps below to write your article.

- Begin with a paragraph that states your main idea about China's accomplishments.
- Write a short paragraph about each invention or achievement. Describe the invention or achievement and tell why it was important.
- End with a paragraph that explains why the inventions or achievements you wrote about are important and how they have impacted the world.

## EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING

**6. Evaluating** Use the questions below to evaluate and revise your work.

### Rubric

- Does your introduction include a main idea about China's accomplishments?
- Does your article describe three major accomplishments?
- Does your article explain their importance?
- Did you include words such as *then*, *first*, and *next* to make smooth transitions between ideas?
- Does your conclusion summarize the achievements or inventions and explain their impact?

**7. Proofreading** To perfect your magazine article before sharing it, check the following:

- Capitalization and spelling of all proper names and places
- Punctuation, grammar, and spelling