

5.3 The First Chinese Empire (pp. 160-165)

Section Outline: Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- A Chinese Empire
 - Central Control
- Protecting a Growing Empire
 - Toil and Taxes
 - A Harsh Government
 - Shihuangdi Fears for His Life
 - The Clay Army
- The Peasant Emperor

Reading Check Questions: Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. What steps did Shihuangdi take to ensure peace within his empire?
2. How was Shihuangdi's reign both helpful and harmful to China?
3. How did Shihuangdi change China?