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**The Cold-Blooded Qin**

Have you ever heard of somebody so cruel and harsh as Emperor Qin Shihuang? I haven’t. Emperor Qin was the first Emperor of China. Qin (pronounced Chin) was so cruel that he would cut off people’s head’s for talking about the past. He would also cut you in half if you disagreed with him.

But he was protective too. Do you know why he protective? Qin built the Great Wall of China. He built the Great Wall to protect the people of China from the Mongolians. These invaders were stealing from the people of China. They would steal everything the Chinese people had, like their cattle and their food.

Qin was also very afraid to die. Before he died he had clay soldiers built to protect him in his afterlife. There were 7,500 soldiers in all. This famous army was called the Terra Cotta Army. He didn’t just bury soldiers with him, he also buried clothes, chariots, food, furniture and more for his tomb. He also drank powdered jade and mercury to stay alive. But really the jade and the mercury was poison! So clearly, he was a great emperor, but very cold-blooded and a bit paranoid!