# Google Expeditions Lesson Plan

## Lesson Title

A Walk Along the Great Wall of China

## Lesson Background

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<td>Subject(s): Geography</td>
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<td>Objectives: To understand the importance of the Great Wall of China both historically and today as a tourist attraction.</td>
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<td>Standards: Locational Knowledge - China</td>
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<td>Essential Questions: What is the Great Wall of China for? Why do people visit it? Why was it built?</td>
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Students can work individually or in small groups during the Expedition.

Lesson Overview - During this lesson students are going to go on a Google Expedition and visit the Great Wall of China. They will be able to consider its historical importance as a defensive feature and its role today as a tourist attraction. Following the Expedition there are a range of activities (also in the Slides), enabling students to select their own tasks to complete to demonstrate their learning.

## Expedition Prep

Selected Expedition: The Great Wall of China

Selected Points of Interest:
The Long Fortress
The Tower on the Great Wall
Simatai Section
Gubeikou Pass

Additional videos / resources: Slides - A Walk along the Great Wall, Youtube - The Great Wall of China

## Before the Expedition

These slides introduce the lesson, in which students are going to visit the Great Wall of China and then select a task to complete following their Google Expedition.

## During the Expedition

Guide the students through the four scenes in this Expedition:
The Long Fortress - The huge scale of the Great Wall can be seen in this image, with the wall stretching off into the distant hills (the towers are clearly visible). This image also features many tourists, which can be used to start a discussion about who they are and the role of the wall today.
**The Tower on the Great Wall.** - The guide notes in the app highlight some of the key features of the wall in this area. The mountainous relief of the area can also been seen and you can discuss the advantage this gave the soldiers on top of the wall.

*Simatai Section* - This unrestored section of the wall can be contrasted with the earlier scenes. Is the earlier wall authentic? How much of the wall is now a tourist attraction? Is it still used for defence?

*Gubeikou Pass* - If left unrestored what will happen to the wall in future?

## AFTER THE EXPEDITION

The final slide presents a series of challenges that can be used as follow up activities to the Expedition:
- Design and write a postcard back to your family about your visit to the Great Wall of China.
- Write a tourist guide for visitors to the Great Wall of China.
- Build a model of a section of the great wall and label the main features.
- Write a guide for Tourists to tell them about the wall and include safety tips for walking along it.
- Imagine you were a guard on the wall in the 1st Century and design a role play about your life.

## EXTENSION IDEAS

- Other follow up Expeditions could include:
  - 7 New Wonders of the World - to look at similarities and differences between the sites.
  - Namhansanseong - A fortress world heritage site.