

**0. First Emperor of China - Story Preface**

1. YING ZHENG
2. HARSH LAWS
3. TERRA COTTA SOLDIERS



*The ditches were filled  
with corpses.*

Ancient Chinese Writings  
On the First Emperor of China  
and the Building of the Great Wall

In the 3rd century BC a man named Ying Zheng was consolidating his power in China. Before Ying Zheng became ruler of the state of "Qin" (also called "Ch'in"), China's seven "states" had never been unified. Big changes were in store for the country and for its people.

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