Assessment Practice

China

Document A

Source: Map created from various sources.

The Great Wall of Qin and Han China

Qin Wall: 1,500 – 2,500 miles long, built between 221 – 206 BCE
Han Wall: Estimated at 4,000 miles long, built between 206 BCE – 220 CE (400 years)
Watch Towers: Estimated in the thousands, placed 2 bow shots apart. Towers were 33’ tall and housed six soldiers, along with a pulley system for raising fire signals.
The [Han] era began like most other periods in Chinese history—with warfare. Wu Di, the sixth emperor of the Han dynasty, established peaceful relations with the nomadic Xiongnu people of the north only after conquering them. But once this had been accomplished, Wu Di used the Wall to aid in expanding China’s influence in the world through trade with other nations. He extended the Wall three hundred miles to the west and added a chain of watchtowers beyond the Wall’s end. The Wall and watchtowers followed the famed Silk Road that served as China’s link to trade with the west.... Wu Di assigned thousands of soldiers to Wall outposts and watchtowers to protect the merchants and caravans traveling along the trade routes.
Writing Prompt

Explain how the Silk Road and The Great Wall of China moved China’s civilization forward.

Be sure to include:

1. A purpose statement
2. Specific evidence to support your purpose statement
3. Which document (A or B) used
4. 3-5 paragraphs