

# FORBIDDEN CITY

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Ancient China was one of the oldest and most advanced civilizations in human history. It was ruled by different dynasties, or powerful families, throughout its history. During the Ming and Qing dynasties of Ancient China, the emperors lived in a palace known as the Forbidden City or Zijin Cheng in Chinese. It was called that because it was forbidden for common people to enter and was only for the emperor, his family, and other officials.

The Forbidden City was built between the years 1406 and 1420 by the Yongle Emperor (Zhu Di) of the Ming dynasty.

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Answer the questions on the other page then color the WHOLE WORD below based on your answer. Next, write a summary statement or the main idea. Don't forget to underline the answers IN THE PASSAGE with the same color.

11 City

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4 What direction do the buildings face? **YELLOW**

5 What is the capital city of China? **GREEN**

6 Between the years 1911-1912 the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ took place. **ORANGE**

7 One building is called the Hall of Preserving \_\_\_\_\_. **RED**

8 What year did the UNESCO World \_\_\_\_\_? **ORANGE**

9 The Forbidden \_\_\_\_\_ building. **GREEN**

10 The Forbidden \_\_\_\_\_ known as \_\_\_\_\_. **BLUE**

11 A rare tree used in \_\_\_\_\_. **2004**

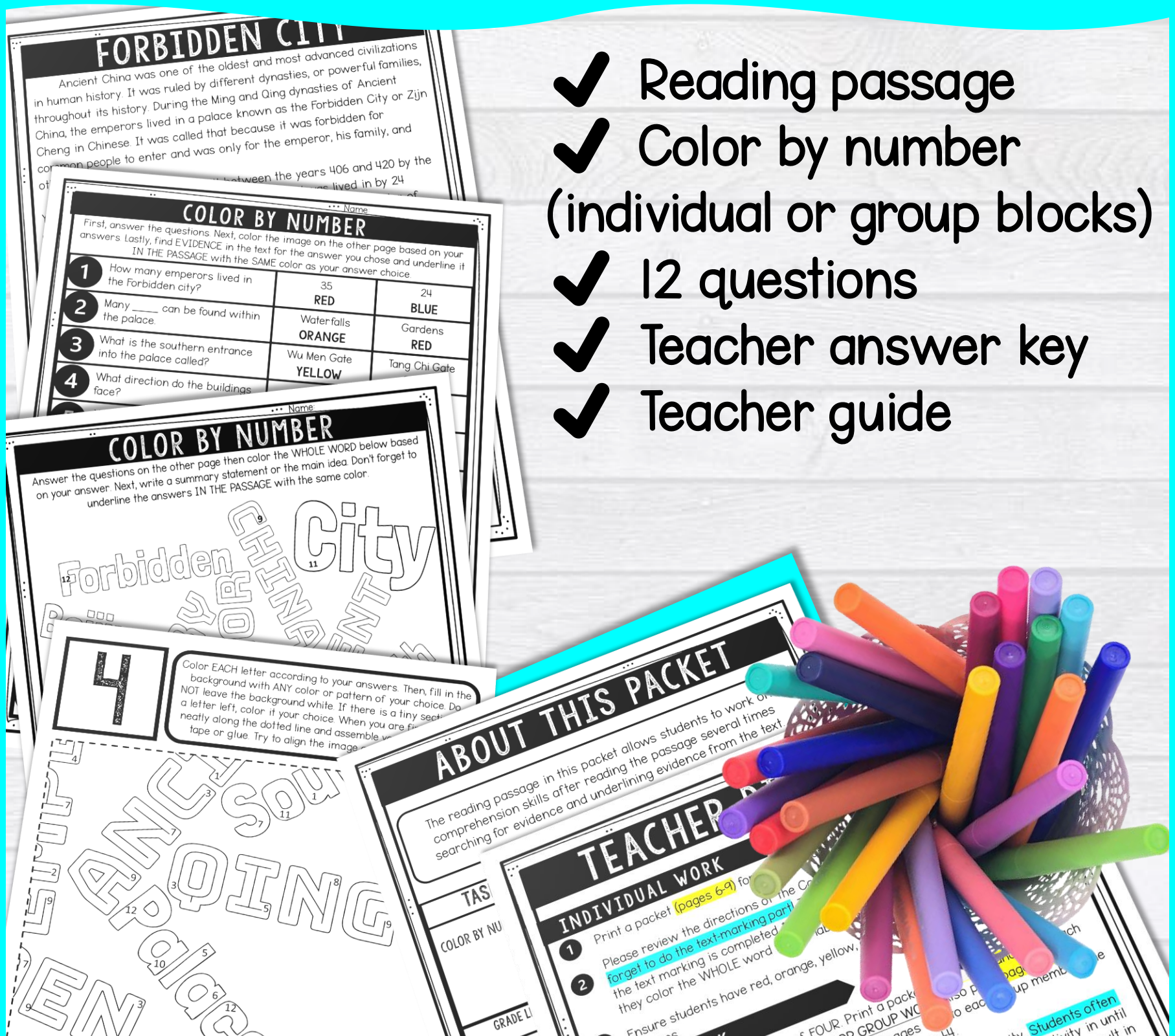
12 What was called \_\_\_\_\_. **GREEN**

Color EACH letter according to your answers. Then, if you have a background with ANY color or pattern of your choice, NOT leave the background white. If there is a tiny section a letter left, color it your choice. When you are finished, tape or glue. Try to align the image as best as you can.

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ Reading passage
- ✓ Color by number (individual or group blocks)
- ✓ 12 questions
- ✓ Teacher answer key
- ✓ Teacher guide



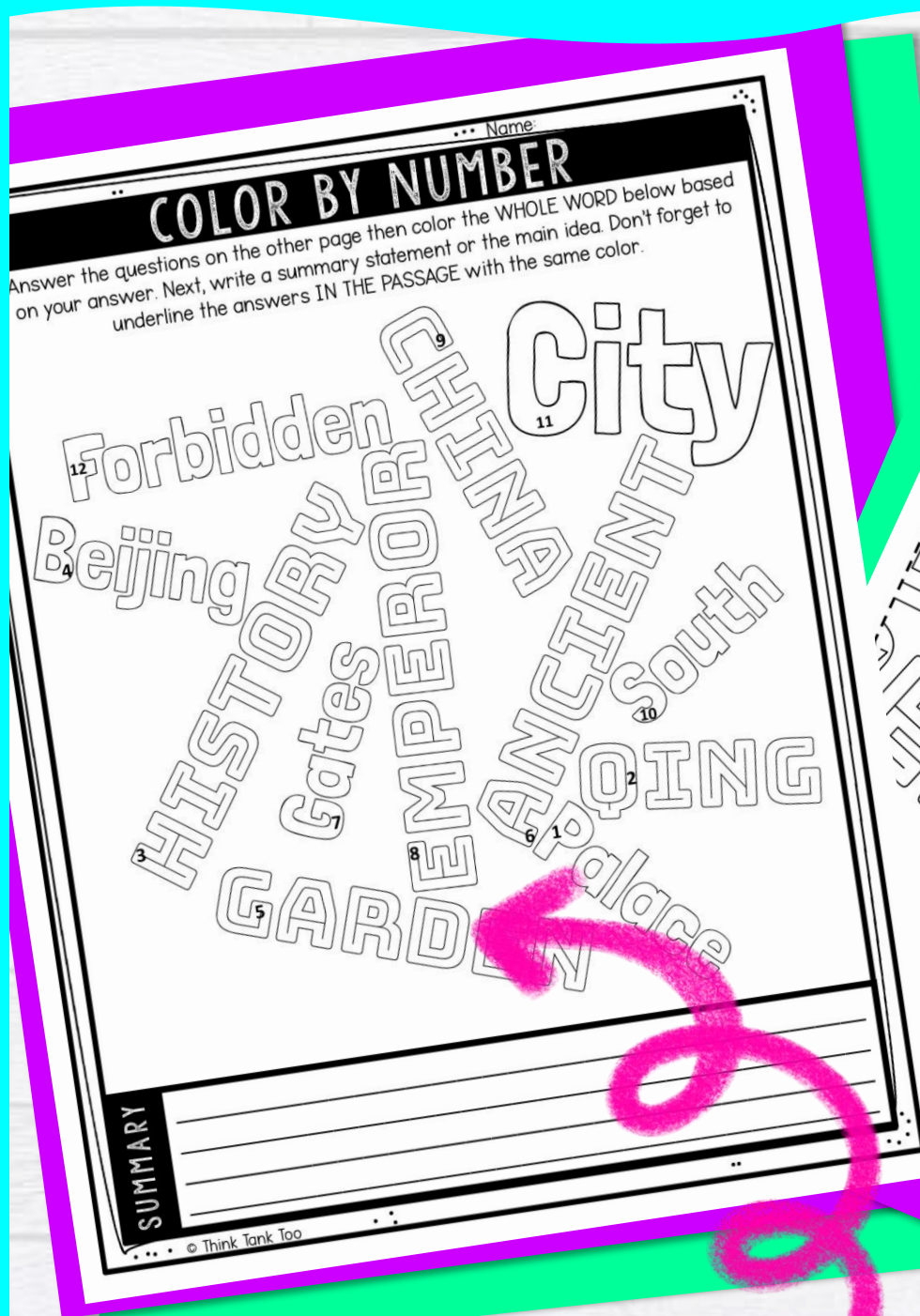


# GROUP POSTER





# 2 OPTIONS



INDIVIDUAL



GROUP



# TEXT MARKING

Find evidence  
in the text

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For the questions. Next, color the image on the other page based on your answers. Find EVIDENCE in the text for each question and underline it. IN THE PASSAGE with the SAME color as your answer choice.

Question	Answer Choice	Color
How many emperors lived in the Forbidden city?	35	RED
How many _____ can be found within the palace.	Waterfalls	ORANGE
What is the southern entrance into the palace called?	Wu Men Gate	YELLOW
What direction do the buildings face?	South	GREEN
What _____	Beijing	ORANGE

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Ancient China was one of the oldest and most advanced civilizations in human history. It was ruled by different dynasties, or powerful families, throughout its history. During the Ming and Qing dynasties of Ancient China, the emperors lived in a palace known as the Forbidden City in Beijing, the capital of China. It was called that because it was forbidden for common people to enter and was only for the emperor, his family, and other officials.

The Forbidden City was built between the years 1406 and 1420 by the Yongle Emperor (Zhu Di) of the Ming dynasty and was lived in by 24 emperors over the course of 500 years. It is located in the center of Beijing, which was named the capital of China after the palace was built. It took 14 years and more than one million workers to build the palace. It is very large with 90 palaces within it and over 8,000 rooms. There are a total of 980 buildings and the entire palace spans 178 acres of land. Large walls, typically 26 feet high, surrounded the palace to protect the emperor and his family. In each corner of the palace there were high guard towers. Guards watched for any possible attackers, day and night.

The Forbidden Palace has a gate at each of the four corners. It can be broken down into two sections, the northern Outer Court and the southern Inner Court. The Wu Men Gate, also known as the Meridian Gate, is the southern entrance into the palace. It leads to the Inner Court, another gate leads to the Outer Court. The Outer Court has the Hall of Supreme Harmony, and the Hall of Preserving Harmony. In this court, ceremonies and official business were held. The Inner Court, which was the living space of the emperor and his family, also had buildings, many gardens can also be found within it.

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