

# Was Qin Xi Huang a Villain or a Hero?

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Qin Xi Huang became the emperor of the Qin dynasty of China. He was born into the royal family and later joined the army. During his reign Qin Xi Huang did things such as build the Great Wall of China as well as united China by conquering all the other warring states. Qin Xi Huang died in 210 BCE. When he died he was buried with 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots, 520 horses and 150 charverly horses. The Qin ruled until they were overthrown in 207 BC.

So, was Qin Xi Huang a villain or hero ? My answer is a villian and here's why...

Qin banned Confucianism, the main religion of the people of the region and if you disliked the law you would be killed.

He taught magic, medicine and agriculture.

Qin Xi Huang did unite China but he had ulterior motives, such as wanting to unite China to make a giant military force and building the Great Wall to keep people out. 400,000 people died in the making of the wall. Another thing that upset a lot of people at the time was when he banned Confucianism and killed knoebels. But when I

researched it a little bit I found out he personally killed 460 Confucianists and killed almost 50% of the male population. He burned thousands of books in a effort to wipe out all Confucianist.. If you were to disagree with him he would throw you in prison or kill you.

The big reason I think he is a villian is he never gave back to his supporters of citizens. His subjects saw him as a tyrant and no one really liked him and even when his supporter spoke up he would be brutal. He taxed landowners, did not teach anything useful except for medicine. Some sources call him a barbarian when others say he is god like. Some people said he lost the mandate of heaven and I think that it is true. As I mentioned he burned books to dumb down the population, but he also did it to erase history. He used forced labor gangs to enforce his army and get thins built.

Another fact that reinforces my argument is the ten crimes of Qin this is list things that went wrong according to scholars, **with ten crimes of Qin:**

- Abolition of feudalism.( which means he created domains for his military system.)
- Building the Great Wall.(killed many people and was meant for high ground in battles.)
- Melting down the people's weapons.( so they couldn't riot against him.)
- Building too many palaces.(it was a waste of materials that could be spent on weapons and housing for soldier.)

- Burning books.( to erase history and there regjian from the past.)
- Killing scholars.( to appoint “educated” people.)
- Building the emperor's tomb.(was a waste of time and materials.)
- Seeking immortality **drugs( to become immortal but instead he killed himself by drinking mercury.)**

I think most of these are true except for building the emperor's tomb.in conclusion, all of these are supporting facts that Qin Xi Huang is a villian.