

Was Qin Xi Huang A Hero Or A Villain?

Qin Xi Huang or his birth name Ying Zheng was the man who united China. He lived from 259 to 210 BCE. The question was he a hero or a villain is hard to answer. He did terrible things and killed many people but the outcome was good because he united China. I have researched different articles and sources. I finally came to the conclusion that he is a villain.

He did unite China and build The Great Wall Of China but he did many villainous things like burn all books except the ones about magic, agriculture, and medicine. He did that to control what people knew so he was also smarter than everyone else. For the people he wasn't smarter than like the doctors he put them in labor camps, torched them or killed them. By burning those books he destroyed a ton of Chinese history.

He killed 1,500,000(1.5 million) people. He did this in many ways like torturing people to their death. He also threw people into snake pits. His slaves were building the Great Wall Of China over 1,000,000 (one million) people died ¹. That means he killed 5 hundred thousand people not counting the building of the great wall. He also killed lots of Confucists because he thought that Confucianism was bad so he banned it.

For the heroic things he did like build The Great Wall Of China or build irrigation systems he used slave labor for all of it. Like I said earlier one million people died during the building of The Great Wall Of China. Building the irrigation systems there were not nearly as many casualties as in the building of The Great Wall Of China but people still died. He also built bridges to link the capital to the rest of China. There was still not as many casualties as in the building of The Great Wall Of China. However people died in that too.

With all of that evidence I think that Qin Xi Huang was a villain. There are many heroic leaders that did some bad things but Qin Xi Huang didn't do enough good to outweigh the bad. For example he united China. He

also did some other good things like simplify the alphabet but that still doesn't make up for the 1,500,000 he killed.

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