

# Was Qin Xi Huang a villain or a hero?

Qin Xi Huang ruled the Qin Dynasty in ancient China in 221 and to 207 BCE. Today I will be trying to persuade you that Qin Xi Huang was a villain. No one knows when he was born but people estimate around 259 BCE and he died in 210. A wealthy merchant named Lu Buwei befriended the prince of the Qin state in the end period of the Zhou Dynasty. Lu Buwei's wife named Zhao Ji had at that time just become pregnant, so he set up for the prince and Zhao Ji to meet and fall in love. Soon Zhao Ji became the concubine of the prince and gave birth to his son Ying Zheng also known as Qin Xi Huang.

I think Qin Xi Huang is a villain. I will give you four reasons why I think this. One of these reasons is he built the wall of China but he used slave labor to accomplish this goal. The Great Wall was important because it was a good defense for people to get in. One of the things Qin Xi Huang did was that he burned all the books except for the ones about magic, medicine and agriculture. That was bad because Confucius could not study their religion. He is reported to have said "I have collected all the writings of the Empire and burnt those which were of no use."

Let's talk about how Qin Xi Huang treated his people. The answer is, very badly. He only listened to the law and if they didn't he would put upon very cruel punishments. He would be especially vicious to Confucius followers. Qin Xi Huang was a brutal ruler who united China but I do not believe he was a hero.

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concubine : a relationship but the wife is lower than the man.