



**Sima Qian: Records of the Grand Historian**

1. Why did the emperor want this inscription made? Of what accomplishments does the emperor boast and why? Essentially, what is Qin Shi Huangdi trying to say about his rule?
  
2. One of our overarching questions in this course is ‘how should society be ordered?’ How does this inscription try to answer that question? How does it relate to a ruler’s constant need to consolidate and maintain power?
  
3. How do the claims from this document compare to claims and policies made by other rulers in states like Persia and India?

**Legitimizing Power: How did Shi Huangdi use political and economic policies and building projects to unify China and promote his vision of a united and powerful state?**

<b><u>Political/Economic Policies</u></b>	<b><u>Building Projects</u></b>

**Would you say Shi Huangdi’s rule was mostly similar to or mostly different from that of other rulers from this period? (think Persia, Greece, India) Why?**

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