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Qin Shi Huangdi. Qin Shi Huangdi, the first Chinese emperor, had a powerful influence in China that lasted for over two thousand years. He united his country by standardizing money, weights, measures, and writing. The original Great Wall of China, built by Qin Shi Huangdi, was built of earth and required many men to build. Later the Ming Dynasty rebuilt the wall and made it stronger with bricks and stone. He ordered a gigantic army made out of terracotta (ceramic) to be buried with him in a large mausoleum. The army was life sized and had 8000 soldiers, 130 chariots and over 600 horses!