



## SIXTH GRADE FOCUSES ON CHINA AND ITS HISTORY

In 6th grade Social Studies, the students are learning about the various emperors of ancient China and the effects that they left on the world. One such emperor was Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of a unified China. Throughout his reign, Shi Huangdi accomplished many important achievements but was a brutal ruler who tried to control the thoughts of his people and killed or imprisoned anyone who disagreed with him. Shi Huangdi's legacy is great but he is remembered as a cruel and evil emperor.

The students were asked to complete an assignment where they had to decide whether Shi Huangdi was a hero or a villain. They were tasked to make either a campaign poster, where they showed their support for the accomplishments of Shi Huangdi, or a wanted sign, portraying him as a ruthless ruler who used barbarous practices to achieve his goals. The students then gave a persuasive speech to the class supporting their view of China's first emperor. Through their posters and speeches, the students displayed their opinions about this controversial ruler in Chinese history.

