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The Great Wall of China: Progress of the Wall over Major Eras

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History of the Great Wall

Warring States: Development on the Great Wall of China began for two purposes. Expansion control and defense from invasion were those purposes. Each state during this time period created walls to defend their territory and most importantly, their capitals. A large portion of the wall still standing today was the Northern Yan wall, created to defend against invasions from Dorgu Baribars.

Han Dynasty: Development of the Great Wall in this era was focused primarily on both protecting the unified China under the new dynasty, and protecting from northern invasion along their trade routes. Walls in the north were created to help against invasions from the Huns until peace was struck through political marriages. A long stretch of walls were also created in the Gobi Desert to protect the Silk road, an important trade route that allowed trade between east and west Asia.

Ming Dynasty: The last era of importance in wall development was the Ming Dynasty. Construction resumed due to increased aggression from the Mongols, resulting in a wall being built along the southern edge of the Ordos Desert. The Dynasty also effectively used the wall defending against the Manchu Invasion until they were able to succeed in 1644. Once the new empire was established, the country borders extended beyond the wall and it lost its purpose. The walls are maintained today for historic reasons.

Map Key
- Water
- Grassland
- Forest
- Sand Desert
- Rock Desert
- Mountainous
- Important Cities
- Silk Road
- Dynasty Border
- Destroyed Great Wall
- Old Great Wall
- Great Wall Construction

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