

## Year 8 China Knowledge Organiser

### Key Words

**Development:** A process of change and improvement usually associated with industrial or economic advancement

**Communism:** Economic and social system in which all (or nearly all) property and resources are collectively owned by a classless society and not by individual citizens

**Democracy:** A system of government where the citizens exercise power by voting

**Environmental:** To do with the natural and artificial world around us.

**Exploit:** To make use of a place, or people, for your own benefit

**Famine:** When food is scarce; people may starve to death

**Human Development Index:** Measure of people's quality of life based on literacy rate, life expectancy and GNI PPP (average income in real terms)

**Gross Domestic product (GDP):** the total value of goods produced and services provided in a country in a year.

**Sustainable Development:** Meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.



I will be able to:

- Locate the human and physical features of China.
- Describe and explain the population distribution of China.
- Interpret population data to describe the population of China and to explain and evaluate the effectiveness of the One Child policy in China.
- Identify why China has become one of the fastest growing economies in the world To understand that China's government system,

**Assessment:** End of unit test

### Key facts

1. China is officially known as the People's Republic of China.
2. The official language is Chinese, Mandarin. More people speak Mandarin as their first language than any other language in the world.
3. China stretches 5000 km from east to west and 5500km from north to south.
4. China has many different landscapes including mountains, high plateaus, sandy deserts and dense forests.
5. The two main rivers are the Yellow River and the Yangtze River which both flow from west to east. At 6300km long, the Yangtze is the longest river in Asia and the third longest in the world.
6. China has a population of nearly 1.4bn, about a third of the population live in cities.
7. China is ruled by a powerful central government. The large workforce and natural resources drives has led to the communist government allowing more economic and personal freedom, but at a huge cost to the environment.

**Useful Websites:** BBC Bitesize-KS3 History-China <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/china-facts.html> <https://thisisgeography.co.uk/ks3/china>