

Taj Mahal

A landmark in India tells a tale of love and loss. It is called the Taj Mahal (TAHJ muh-HAHL). Emperor Shah Jahān (SHAW juh-HAHN) had it built for his wife. She had died while having a baby. So, Jahān built the Taj Mahal to be her **tomb**.

Today, millions of people visit the Taj Mahal each year. For many, it is a must-see landmark.

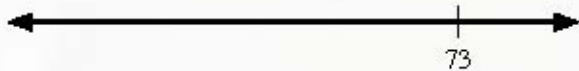
front of the Taj Mahal



Royal Gate of the Taj Mahal

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The main dome of the Taj Mahal is 73 meters tall. The large arch under the dome is 33 meters tall. How much taller is the main dome than the large arch? Draw a number line similar to the one below. Use it to find your solution.

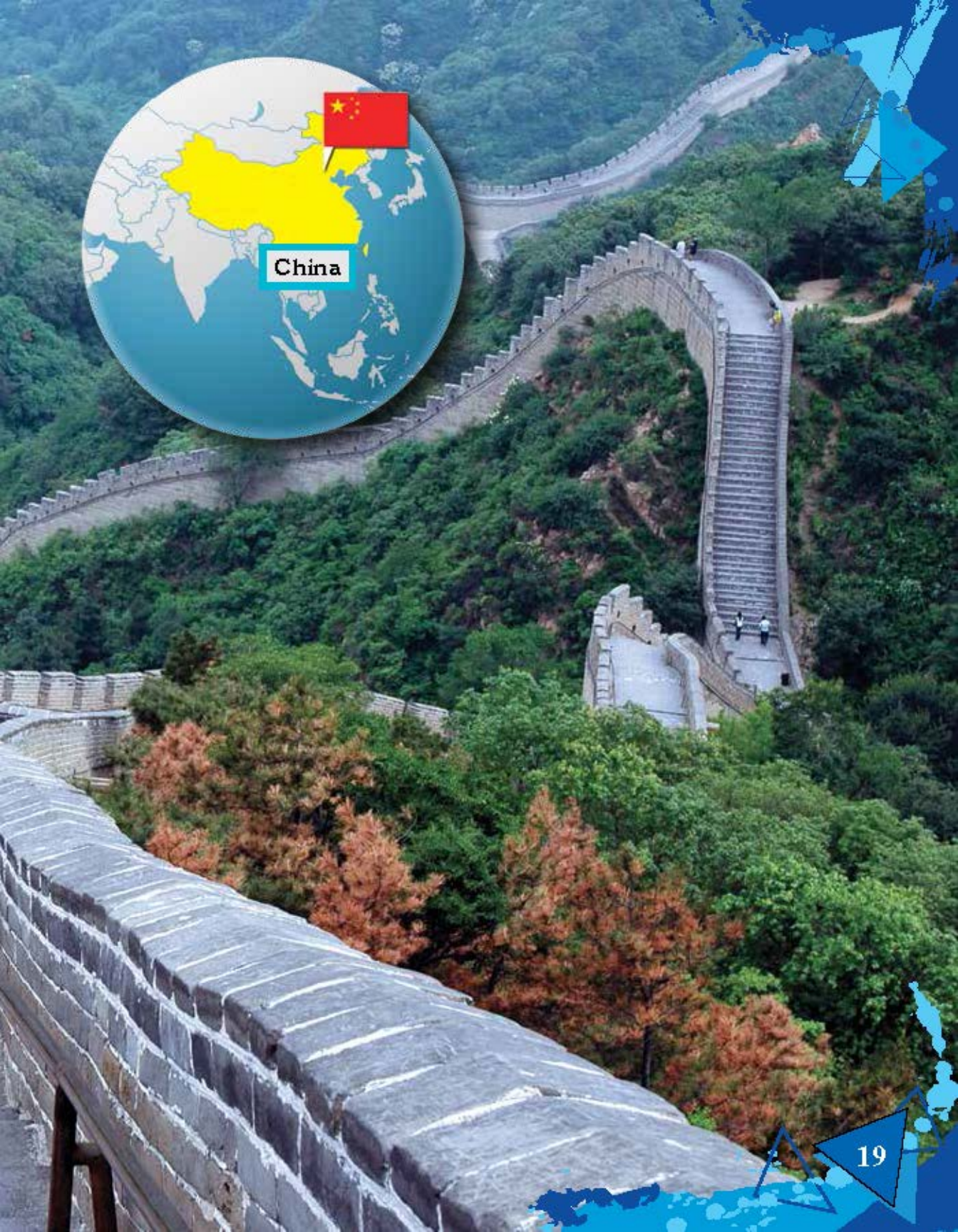


Great Wall of China

The Great Wall of China is not just one wall. It is actually a chain of walls. In total, the walls are thousands of miles long.

The wall was originally built to keep people out of China. But now, the wall brings people there. In fact, more than 10 million people go to see the Great Wall each year!

This section of the Great Wall winds through one of China's mountain ranges.



Great Buddha

The Great Buddha statue rests in the green hills of Japan. It honors the Buddha. He was a religious figure. The huge statue is more than seven hundred years old.

When the statue was first built, it was kept in a wooden temple. One day, a big wave hit the temple. The temple washed away. People were shocked to see that the statue had stayed in place. It has been out in the open air ever since.



Japan

Followers of the Buddha (called Buddhists) visit the statue to pray.

