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China from the time of the Warring States to the rise and fall of the Qin dynasty
c. 475–c. 206 BC

SOURCE 1



Ponting, H. (1907). Photograph of the Great Wall of China from 1907

SOURCE 2**Economic reforms**

Qin Shi Huang and Li Si unified China economically by standardizing the Chinese units of measurements such as weights and measures, the currency, the length of the axles of carts to facilitate transport on the road system. The emperor also developed an extensive network of roads and canals connecting the provinces to improve trade between them. The currencies of the different states were also standardized to the Ban liang coin. Perhaps most importantly, the Chinese script was unified. Under Li Si, the seal script of the state of Qin was standardized through removal of variant¹ forms within the Qin script itself. This newly standardized script was then made official throughout all the conquered regions, thus doing away with all the regional scripts to form one language, one communication system for all of China.

Extract from: Qin Shi Huang. (n.d.). *Wikipedia*

1 variant forms – different forms

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