**TEACHER VERSION**

**Movie Questions: The First Emperor of China**

1. What was the greatest archeological find of the 20th century? *The Terra cotta Army*

2. How old was the king when he came to power in 247 BCE? *13 years old*

**SKIP 16:30-16-50 shows a man with his head chopped off**

3. What was the plan Le Su came with to the king, concerning the Chin’s empire? *To take over all the feudal states to create a unified empire.*

4. What is one thing that has astonished researchers after having uncovered the Terra Cotta Army? *The precision of the army-it is set up exactly as how they would go into battle. The sheer size of the figures and numbers of the army. The detail of the figures.*

5. What two people were considered direct threats to the king in the year 238 BCE and why? *The two sons of the queen. She and her lover aimed to put them onto the throne.*

**SKIP 34:30-35:22 torture and murder of lover and boy**

6. What happened to the king’s parents? *The King showed mercy by sparing them. They were exiled.*

7. What has happened by 227 BCE? *Taken over three states of the empire. Yen is the next empire that is threatened.*

8. What is the plan for the gift bearers to the king? What happens to them? *They were disguised as messengers to give peace offers to the king. They were professional assassins to kill the king. Their plan does not go very well. They are killed.*

**SKIP 43:07-43:20 Assassin gets stabbed**

9. Why did the king think he needed a spirit army to protect him? *He was becoming paranoid after having been nearly assassinated. He was worried that after he died all the spirits who he had killed would come to avenge their deaths in the after life.*

10. In a different pit archaeologists have uncovered stone armor. What do they think it means? *For the burial for soldier who had suffered violent deaths and could not have proper burial rituals. Something had to be done so their spirits didn’t turn against the king.*

**SKIP 51:40-52:29 War and fighting (Violent)**

11. In what year did Chin become unified into China? *221 BCE*

12. What did the veil of stars signify? *The divinity of China’s first emperor.*

13. What does Qin Shi Huangdi mean? *First august god of the Qin.*

14. What Chinese philosophy did Le Su follow? *Legalism*

15. How many people were enslaved to build the Great Wall? *3 million*

16. How many pits have archaeologists found surrounding the Emperor’s tomb mound? *180 different pits.*

17. What were two different objects found within these pits? *Terra cotta dancers, musicians and acrobats, birds to stand in artificial lakes, half- size scale bronze imperial chariot.*

18. Name two aspects of the Emperor’s tomb that the written accounts describe: *bronze tomb, jeweled ceiling to look like the sky, flowing mercury rivers, map of china on the floor*

19. Why did the physician prescribe mercury to the Emperor? *To extend his life. It can’t make him immortal, but can keep extending his life until they find the elixir of life.*

20. Why did Le Su burn all but a few texts? *He wanted to expand his control, beyond actions, to control free thought. Encourages totalitarian view.*

21. What punishment is enforced if a person resists working on the Great Wall? *Buried alive*

22. What is the end result of consuming increasing amounts of mercury? *Damage to the nervous system in the brain, eventually leading to total paranoia.*

23. How was the successor of Qin Shi Huangdi different than past successors? *Instead of being the eldest son of the Emperor, he was a junior within the family. The advisors of Qin Shi Huangdi ensured that this would happen.*

24. Who was forced to stay with the emperor in his tomb? *Concubines, designers, engineers, builders, and architects of the tomb. Ceiled inside the tomb to keep the secrets of the tomb safe. (concubines were so they could start a new imperial family in the underworld)*

25. Was the legend of Qin Shi Huangdi proven true? How do they know? *Yes, found concentrations of mercury that clearly marked the rivers, lakes and marshes of ancient china. That part of the legend has proven to be true.*