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## Guarding the Empire: The Great Wall of China's Purpose

### Short Answer Key

1. Qin Shi Huang initiated the connection of separate walls during the Warring States period.
2. The Ming Dynasty significantly expanded and fortified the Great Wall, primarily to defend against Mongol invasions.
3. The Great Wall controlled trade by serving as customs stations and facilitating the collection of customs duties.
4. The Great Wall is culturally significant in China as a symbol of historical resilience, reflecting the determination of the Chinese people in the face of external threats.

