In this activity, you will learn how Chinese characters are drawn.

Part 1: Drawing the Strokes of a Chinese Character

- Strokes are drawn from top to bottom.
- Strokes are drawn from left to right.
- Strokes are drawn in one continuous motion. If you lift your pen to complete a stroke, you are drawing two strokes.

Follow your teacher’s directions to reproduce each stroke below.

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Part 2: Forming a Chinese Character

Draw characters from top to bottom and from left to right.

Follow your teacher’s directions to reproduce each character below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Character</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Form the Character Here</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>日</td>
<td>day</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>木</td>
<td>wood</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>山</td>
<td>mountain</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Complete one scroll for each placard you analyze, as shown below.

1. Write the English word here.

2. Draw the Chinese character here.

3. Draw a symbol or an illustration of the contribution here.

4. Write two interesting facts about the contribution here.

5. Explain this contribution’s influence on the modern world.
18.2 Exploration and Travel
18.3 Industry
18.4 Military Technology
18.5 Everyday Objects
18.6 Disease Prevention

Skim Sections 18.2 through 18.6. Find 14 additional Chinese discoveries and inventions. List them in the scroll below. An example is done for you.

paddlewheel
boats
Create a scroll that celebrates Chinese discoveries and inventions.

1. Review your Reading Notes to determine the four Chinese discoveries or inventions you believe have had the greatest influence on the world.

2. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short paragraph that gives at least two reasons for your selection of each discovery or invention.

3. Create a scroll by cutting a sheet of drawing paper in half the short way. Tape the two halves together.

4. Write the Chinese character and the English word for each discovery or invention. Also create a colorful illustration or symbol for it. Draw a decorative border around each one.

5. Give your scroll an appropriate title.

6. Partially roll the paper to look like a scroll.

Your scroll should look something like this: