

**Abstract:**

Did specific geographic, environmental and economic conditions influence the development and expansion of the Qin state? In this thesis I answer affirmatively, since these conditions gave rise to specific factors, which granted Qin a potential advantage relative to its rivals. With regard to every factor I demonstrate, how it could help strengthen the Qin state relative to other contemporary great powers. These advantages in geography and economy which Qin possessed relative to almost every one of its rivals could grant Qin enough power to successfully unite All under Heaven.

**Key words:**

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