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Homework 1

Jinan is the capital of the Shandong province and is located approximately five hours south of Beijing. Jinan is nicknamed the City of Springs due to the large number of springs found in the area. There are “72 Famous Springs” that can be found throughout the city, the most popular of which is Baotu Spring. The springs flow north and converge into Daming Lake, which is surrounded by many historical buildings, temples and halls. The main square in Jinan is Quancheng Square, also known as Spring City Square. Southeast of the city is Thousand Buddha Mountain (also known as Qianfo Mountain), named for the numerous images and statues found on the mountain, many of which are carved directly into the mountain itself. Also southeast of the city is the Four Gates Pagoda, the oldest one story stone tower in China. Nearby is the Thousand Buddha Cliff that houses a large collection of Tang Dynasty Buddhist statues. The region is also home to several museums and libraries including the Shandong Provincial Museum, the largest museum in the province, the Jinan Municipal Museum, and the Shandong Provincial Library. About 130km south of Jinan is Qufu, the hometown of Confucius. As such, Qufu is home to three Confucian sites recognized as UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Temple of Confucius, the Cemetery of Confucius, and the Kong Family Mansion.



Baotu Spring Park

<http://www.chinadiscover.net/china-tour/shandongguide/shandong-jinan-baotu-spring-park.htm>



Daming Lake Park

<http://www.chinauniquetour.com/arts.asp?id=3664>



Quancheng Square

<http://news.everychina.com/vz405c6a-quancheng_square.html>



Thousand Buddha Mountain

<http://www.topchinatravel.com/china-attractions/thousand-budhha-mountain.htm>



Four Gates Pagoda

<http://www.chinaetravel.com/attraction/att24n.html>



Thousand Buddha Cliff

<http://www.chinaheritagequarterly.org/features.php?searchterm=024_cliffs.inc&issue=024>



Shandong Provincial Museum

<http://www.topchinatravel.com/china-attractions/shandong-provincial-museum.htm>



Temple of Confucius

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/attraction/shandong/qufu/temple.htm>



Cemetery of Confucius

<http://history.cultural-china.com/en/49H140H807.html>



Kong Family Mansion

<http://www.chinaexploration.com/TopAttractions/Family-Mansion-of-Confucius-in-Qufu.html>