



Gunpowder



The gunpowder was invented in China in 142 AD by the alchemist Wei Boyang.

Gunpowder is the first developed explosive.

It belongs under the name of the Four Great Inventions, which includes other 3 great inventions from China, being the compass, papermaking and printing.

It was first used in warfare in the 10th century. Where it was used as bombs, fire arrows and fire lances.

Later in the 13th century, the gun was invented.

The only time when people used it peacefully was when they used it to blow up rocks in mines. For this purpose it was later replaced by the dynamite.

Today gunpowder is largely obsolete, it is still sometimes used in fireworks, blank rounds or signal flares.

It is composed of sulfur, charcoal and potassium nitrate (dusičnan draselný).



-Chinese Fire Lance

