

# The Shang Dynasty

## Year 4 Term 4 – History

### Key Vocabulary

Anyang - The location where ruins were found from the Shang Dynasty, China's first civilization.

The Shang Dynasty - One of the first Chinese dynasties, ruling from 1700 to 1122 B.C.E.

Nobles - Those that were under the ruling family; the highest ranking social class. Fought in the King's army and had a life of luxury.

Artisans—Talented group included potters, stonemasons, and workers with bronze and jade. Lower than nobles but higher than farmers.

Ancestor Worship - Honouring deceased family members through rituals, such as offering food and wine to the spirits.

Oracle Bone—A bone that is heated and cracked by holy men to seek advice from ancestors.

### Skills

Suggest useful research questions

Recall some key dates from a period studied

Find the answer to more complex questions through research

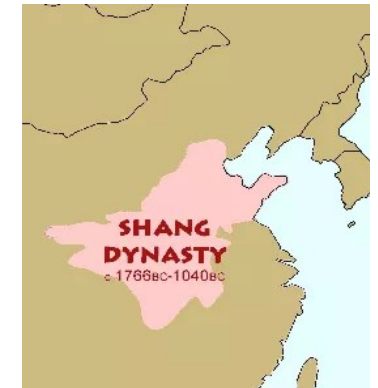
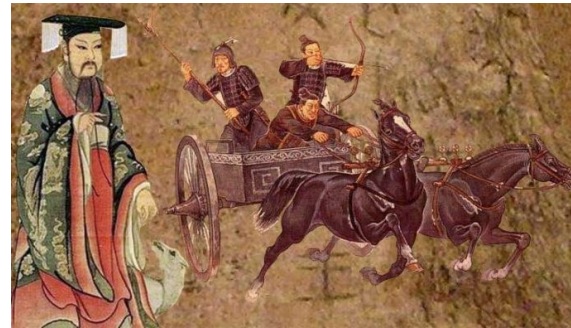
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Use topical vocabulary when describing a period of history

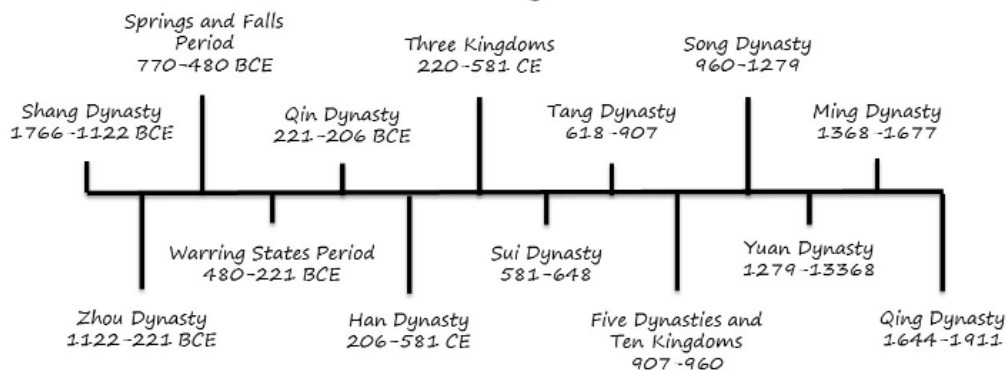
Begin to use abstract terms i.e. parliament, peasantry, civilisation, empire etc.)

Use labelled diagrams, stories, recounts, diaries and pictures to illustrate their understanding of a period

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### Chinese Dynasties



### Ideas you might like to try at home

**These ideas are not compulsory but if you would like to try them, please bring in what you have done so we can share!**

- You might like to make a presentation of the similarities and differences between modern day China and China during the Shang Dynasty? (Think about how people live, government, religion, dress, food etc.)
- You could make a model of a Chinese dragon.