

### Vocabulary:

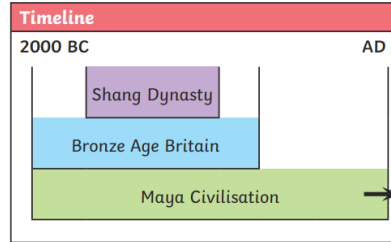
<b>Dynasty</b>	a family that rule a country or state for many generations
<b>Merchants</b>	someone who buys things to sell on (trader)
<b>Oracle Bone</b>	an animal bone which had chinese writing on for the gods
<b>Logogram</b>	a sign or character used to represent a word or phrase
<b>Cowrie Shells</b>	small, flat sea shells used like money to trade
<b>Social Class</b>	a system of ordering society where people are divided into groups based on social or economic status

# The Shang Dynasty

1600 BC - 1046 BC



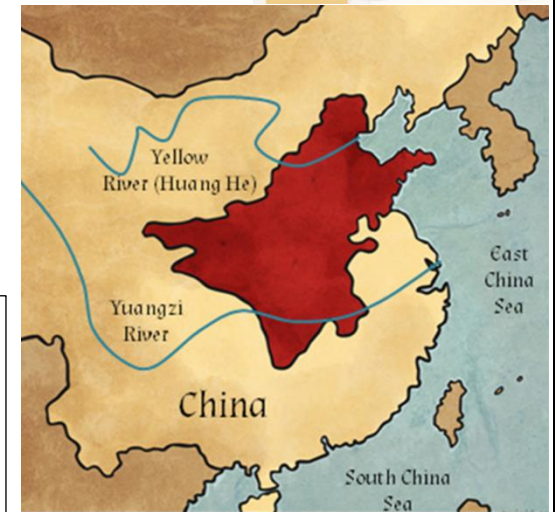
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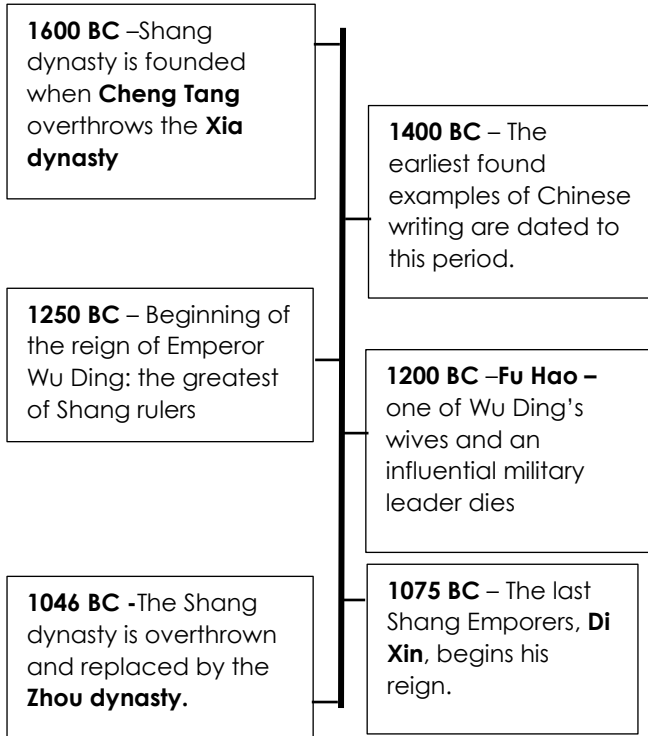
### What I Should Already Know:

- China is a country in Asia
- The Shang Dynasty were part of Ancient China civilisation

area of Shang culture  
Modern China



### Timeline:

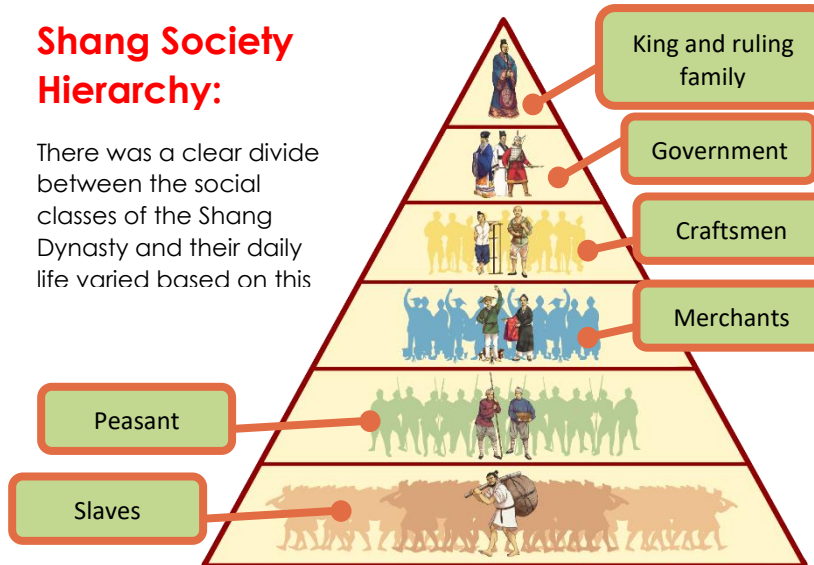


### Chinese Bronze Age:

- The Chinese Bronze Age started in 2000BC so many weapons and tools were made of it
- The **Shang Dynasty** were famous for making beautifully designed **vessels** for ceremonies and rituals from bronze
- The craftsmen who made these were highly-skilled

### Shang Society Hierarchy:

There was a clear divide between the social classes of the Shang Dynasty and their daily life varied based on this



### Ancient Chinese Writing:

- The Shangs were the 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese Dynasty to invent writing
- This helped their society to be more organised
- Writing was etched onto bones, bronze, jade or turtle shells
- Made of logograms and read top to bottom

