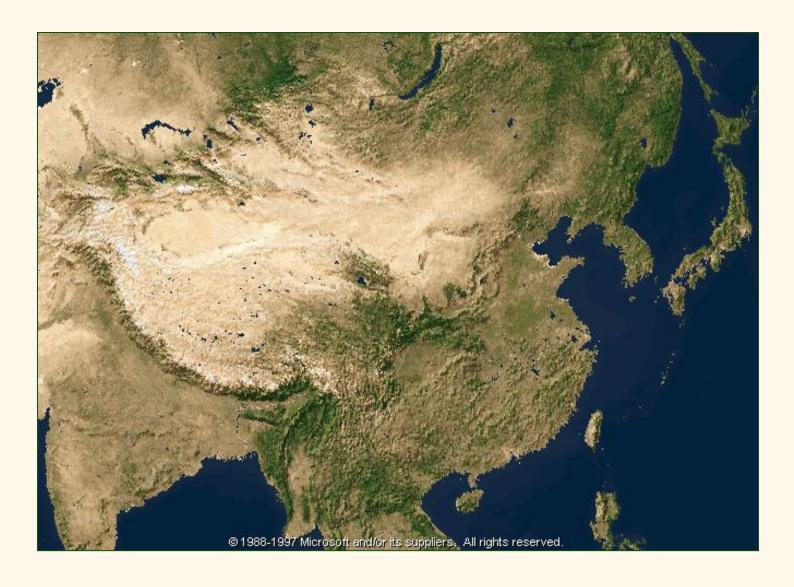


The Geography of China



Satellite View of China





ZHONGGUO THE MIDDLE KINGDOM





The Great Wall of China



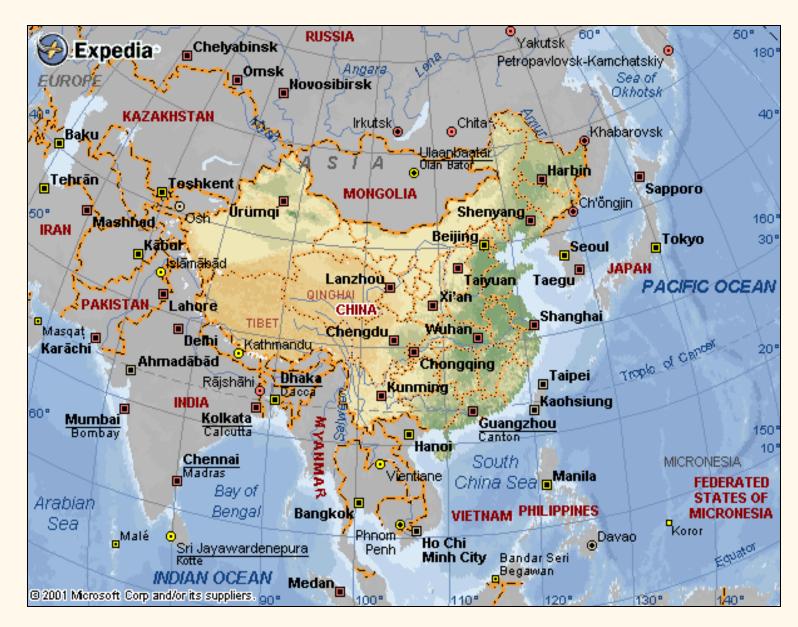


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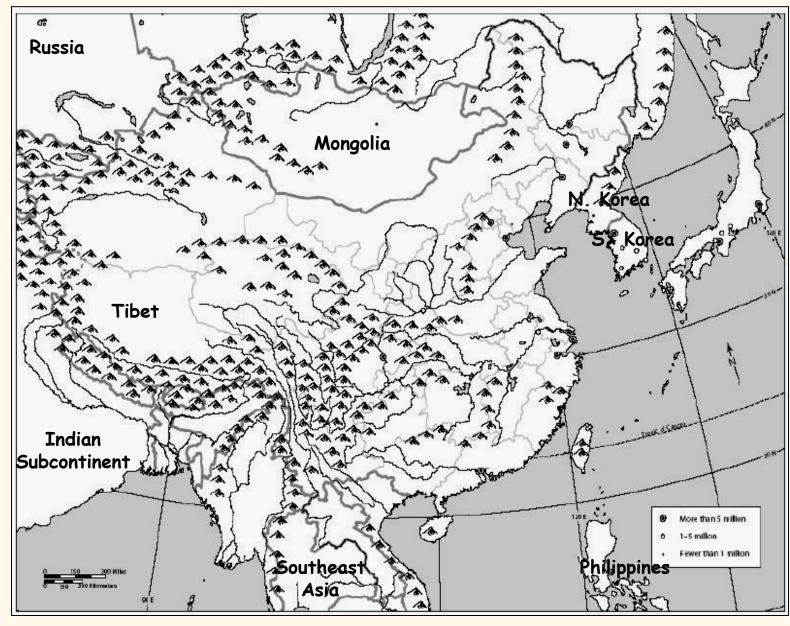


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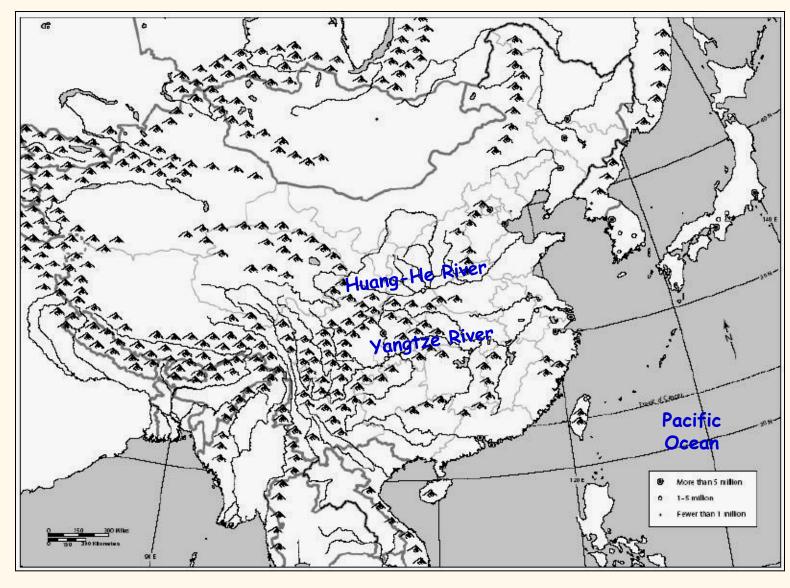


Countries & Regions



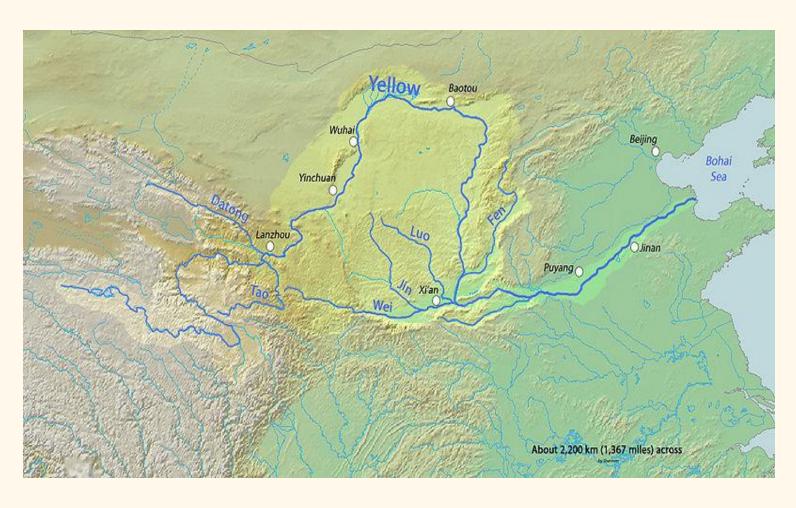


Bodies of Water



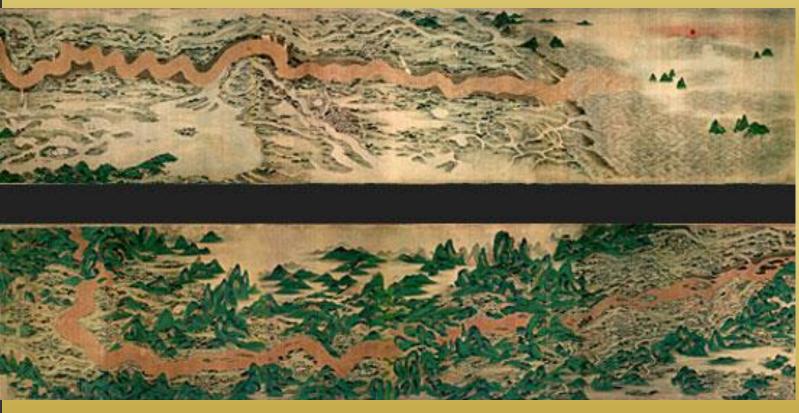


Huang He River





Aka: Yellow River



Ancient Qing Dynasty Depiction



 Loess – Yellow, fine, windblown sand found in/nearby Huang He

river.





Aka: River of Sorrows





Yellow Flood

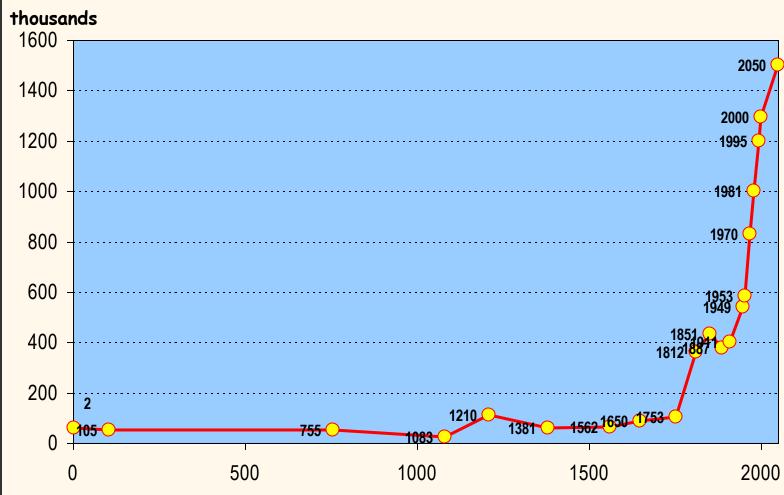


The Yang Ze River



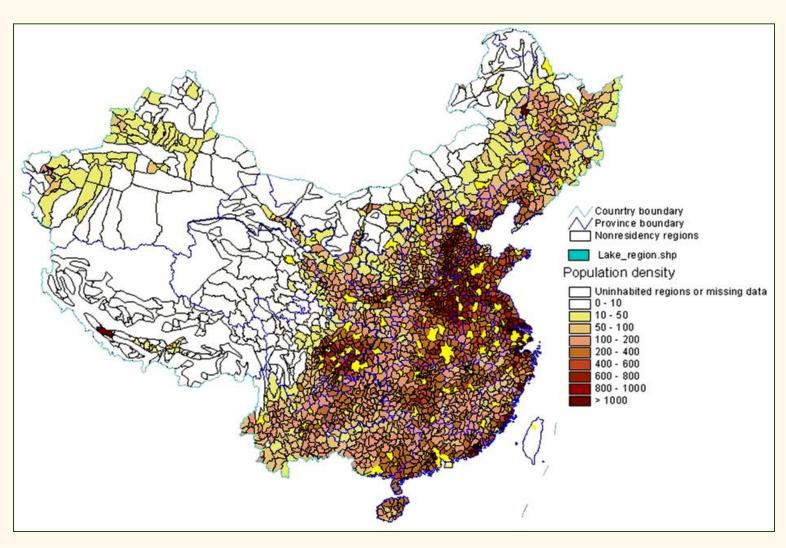


The Population of China



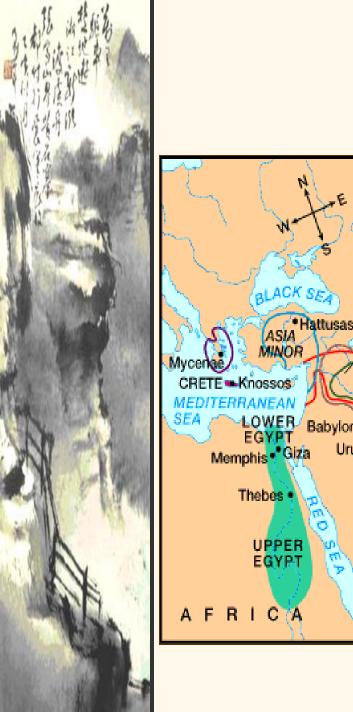


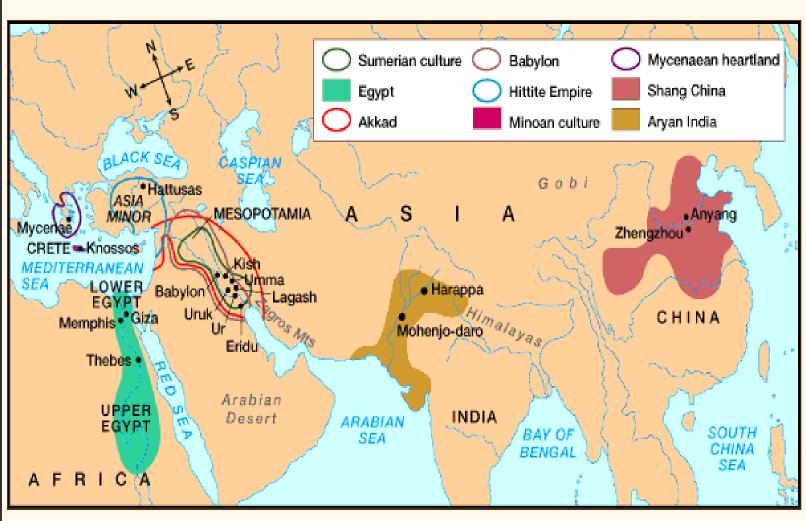
Population Density





- Oldest Dynasty 1650 B.C. to 1027 B.C.
- Northern China







- Social Classes Similar to other civilizations
- Who's on top?
- Bottom?
- Largest group?



Religion?



- Religion?
 - Polytheistic
 - Nature gods and goddesses
 - Mother goddess provider + creator



- "Ancestor Worship"
- Oracle Bones were used to contact their ancestors in previous lives so that they would ask the gods for favors
- Also used to predict the future.

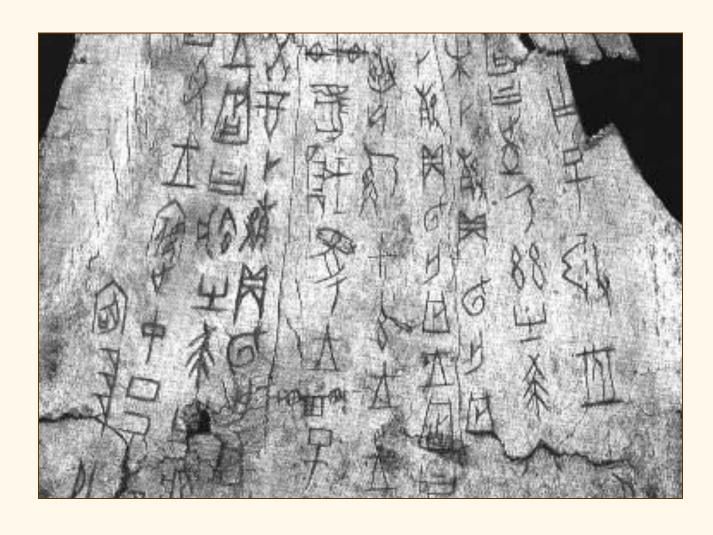


Oracle Bones





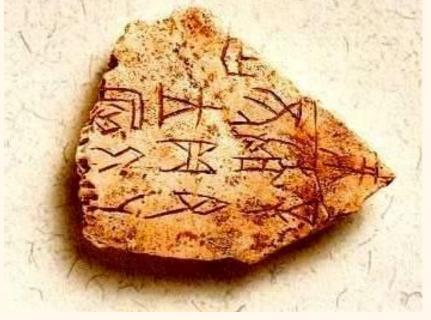
Oracle Bones Calendar













Pictograph

House Man Sun



Love



Strength



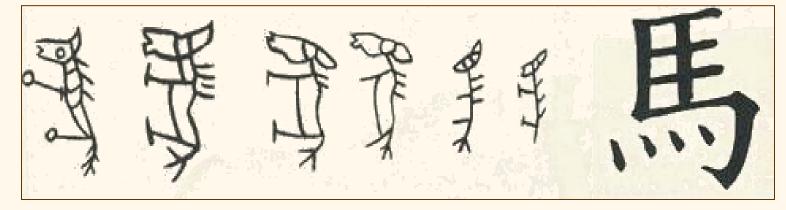
Respect



Honor



The Evolution of Chinese Writing during the Shang



Pictographs — Semantic-Phonetics



The Mandate of Heaven

Divine Right To Rule





Start here→

A new dynasty comes to power.

The emperor reforms the govt. & makes it more efficient.

Emperor is defeated!!

Rebel bands find strong leader who unites them. Attack the emperor.

Poor lose respect for govt. They join rebels & attack landlords.

The
Dynastic
Cycle

Lives of common people improved; taxes reduced; farming encouraged.

Problems begin (extensive wars, invasions, etc.)

Taxes increase; men forced to work for army. Farming neglected.

Droughts, floods, famines occur. Govt. increases spending; corruption.



The Mandate of Heaven

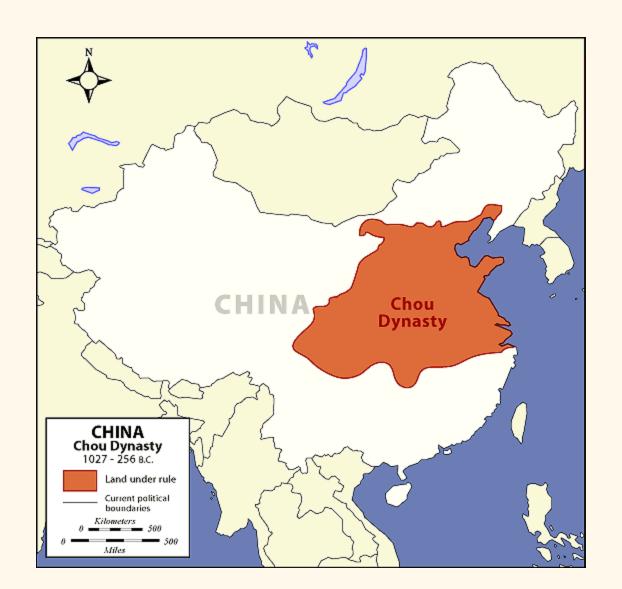
- 1. The leader must lead by ability and virtue.
- 2. The dynasty's leadership must be justified by succeeding generations.
- 3. The mandate could be revoked by negligence and abuse; the will of the people was important.



Zhou Dynasty 1027 - 256 BCE



Western Zhou: 1027-771 BCE





- Under the Zhou Dynasty economy grew
 - Iron Axes
 - Iron Plows
 - Irrigation Projects
 - Money Economy
 - New Crops
 - Soy Beans

This leads to ...



MORE BABIES!

