



AUTUMN 2 SHANG DYNASTY



Historical knowledge:

- To describe the achievements of the earliest civilizations, including where and when the first civilizations appeared and an in-depth study of the Shang Dynasty.

Historical skills:

- I can place some historical periods in a chronological framework
- I can use historic terms related to the period of study
- I can use sources of information in ways that go beyond simple observations to answer questions about the past
- I can use a variety of resources to find out about aspects of life in the past
- I can understand that sources contradict each other
- I can communicate my learning in an organised and structured way, using appropriate terminology

Art skills:

- I can describe some of the key ideas, techniques and working practices of artists, architects and designers I have studied.
- I can create different affects by using a variety of tools and techniques such as bleeds, washes, scratches and splashes.

Timeline of events (approximate dates)

1766 BC	The Shang dynasty is founded when Cheng Tang overthrows the Xia dynasty. He has the support of 40 other kingdoms.
1737 BC	Tang's son succeeds him after 29 years of rule.
1700 - 500 BC	The use of Bronze for weapons, tools and even chariots. Oracle bones are carved with characters to ask questions to the Gods - China's earliest form of writing. The Shang create looms to make silk cloth, build palaces and walled towns.
1300 BC	Emperor Pan Geng rules. He moves the capital city to Yin.
1250 BC	King Wu Ding begins his reign. He is the 22 nd ruler.
1200 BC	Lady Fu Hao, one of the wives of King Wu Ding, dies. Her tomb is the only intact Shang tomb that has been found to date.
1075 BC	The last Shang king, Di Xin, begins his reign.
1046 BC	Slaves revolt in protest against cruel treatment and increasing taxes. The Shang dynasty is overthrown and replaced by the Zhou dynasty.

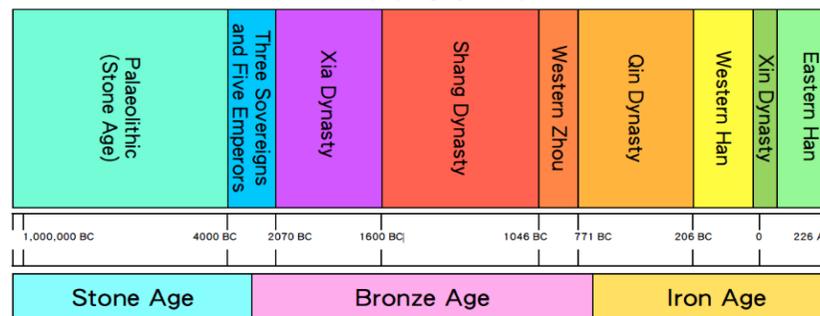
Key vocabulary

Ancestor	A person related to you who lived a long time ago.
Anyang	A Shang royal city found by archaeologists in the 1920s.
Bronze	A strong metal alloy made from copper.
Dynasty	A society ruled by a series of rulers from the same family.
Emperor	An emperor is a man who rules an empire or is the head of state in an empire.
Oracle	An object or person that transmits a god's communication about the future.
Oracle bones	Bones used in divination ceremonies. The first examples of Chinese writings have been found written on these bones.
Pagoda	A religious temple that is built as a tower with many tiers and roofs.



Statue of Lady Fu Hao in Yinxi District of Anyang, China. In 1976, archaeologists discovered the tomb of **Fu Hao** at Yinxi. The tomb and its contents were still intact and this contributed immensely to our knowledge of the Shang and its people.

Ancient China



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