

Questions (over 7 lessons)

Where and when did the first civilisations appear?

What was the Shang Dynasty and how was it organised?

Bronze Age: where was the Shang Dynasty and when did they rule?

Where is the Yellow River and why was it important to the Shang Dynasty?

Significant individual: who was Fu Hao and how do we know about her?

Key Vocabulary

Tier 2	Tier 3
Cast	Dynasty
Chariot	Hereditary
Divine	Monarchy
Elaborate	Oracle
Fertile	Polytheism
Silt	Sacrifice

Big ideas/Substantive Concepts

Civilisation

A large group of people who follow similar laws, religion and rules.

Great civilisations have cities, architecture, laws, culture and art.

Power

The power to advance technology, religion and the arts.

The power over and between dynasties.

Power to build cities and great tombs.

Power struggle between Wu of Zhou as Shang were defeated.

Power to harness the might of the Yellow River

Democracy

A form of hereditary monarchy.

Kings passed the power of the throne down the line of succession within their family.

A non-example of democracy.

Knowledge

The formulation and advanced use of bronze technology.

Astronomers, Lunar calendar

Sources
Cusp Curriculum
Curriculum visions

Year 4- The achievements of the earliest civilisations
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The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China

Making connections to prior learning

Year 3 - Stone age to the Iron Age
Introduce Rome and the impact on Britain

Year 4- Britain's settlement by Anglo- Saxons and Scots
Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggles
Ancient Egyptians

Year 4 Geography- Latitude and Longitude

Disciplinary Knowledge- thinking as a historian

Chronology	Cause and consequence	Change and continuity	Similarity and difference	Evidence	Significance
<p>Describe the periods of time that the Shang Dynasty ruled.</p> <p>What was happening in Britain at the same time as the Shang Dynasty ruled?</p> <p>Use a timeline – what else was happening in the world during the rule of the Shang Dynasty?</p>	<p>How did the Shang Dynasty come to power? Why were they so powerful?</p> <p>What legacy did the Shang Dynasty leave? True or false? The Shang Dynasty just disappeared like the Indus Valley.</p>	<p>What significant changes happened in Ancient China between 1600 BC and 1045 BC?</p> <p>Were there any things that remained constant through the Shang dynasty?</p>	<p>What similarities do you see between the Shang Dynasty monarchy and the British monarchy? Compare the Shang beliefs with the Roman beliefs. What do you think was similar and what was different?</p>	<p>Antiquity describes the ancient past, including the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.</p> <p>What evidence explains how the people in the Shang Dynasty lived?</p> <p>How do we know?</p>	<p>What was significant about the Shang Dynasty?</p> <p>The Shang Dynasty had phenomenal craftsmen – what technology was extremely advanced and how did they use it?</p>