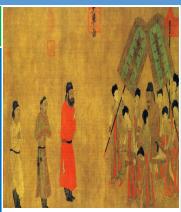


Equality and Power in the Shang Dynasty

Overview and rationale:

Being the earliest dynasty in recorded history, the Shang ruled from 1600 to 1046BC. Studying this period gives Year 4 pupils the chance to continue on their knowledge-acquiring journey into themes of inequality, hierarchy, leadership and power. Furthermore, it gives them an understanding of what a dynasty is, adding to their knowledge of civilisation and empire. The Shang heralded China's bronze-age and were known for their advances in maths, astronomy, artwork and military technology. Through the lens of this Chinese era, the children explore parliament, democracy, governance, politics and persuasions and the laws and values that we adhere to...including a close look at 'British' values and what these mean to the UK and our place in today's European and global community. Prior knowledge and learning from the Romans and from the Ancient Egyptians (Y3) topics about dictatorship, class struggle, oppression and slavery are built on in this topic and enable the children to think critically about how these structures might work in the UK and touch on the political and ideological history that our own nation is built upon. Building on the concept of gender, the children also take a look at the first female Chinese general, Fu Hao, who, like Boudicca after her, showed that women can show just as much power as men! Key historical enquiry skills from The Stone Age, What Makes the Earth Angry (Y3) and Romans (Y4) are built on as the children explore historical sources, artefacts and early Chinese writing...it's these things, after all, that let us know what history is all about!



Possible Enrichment activities (including trips/visitors, etc)

nent Artefact analysis –
ding Museum in the
classroom

HISTORY				
CONCEPTS LEARNING STATEMENTS TIER 2 VOCABULARY		TIER 2 VOCABULARY		
Chronology	I am starting to develop a chronologically secure knowledge of history.	periods of time, timeline, chronological conventions (e.g. BC, BCE & CE/AD), chronological order, story of events within and across the time periods, changes, decade, century, millennium		
	I can tell a story within and across differen			
Causes and	time periods. I am beginning to identify and give reason	s cause and consequence, result/impact, identifying reasons, links, change, difference, context, similarity,		
l	for (and results of) historical events,	difference, relationships, legacy		
Consequences	situations and changes.	difference, relationships, regacy		
Continuity and	I have started to describe and make links	reasons, continuity, change, trends, patterns over time, relationship between different periods, legacy,		
change	between main events, situations and	complexity, identify, specific changes across time periods, valid comparisons, connections, contrasts, trends over		
	changes within and across different societies and periods.	short and longer time periods		
Significance	I can identify some historically significant people and events in situations.	significant events, significant people, leaders, invasion, war, conflict, changes, legacy, impact		
Historical evidence				
and interpretatio				
	reasons for this.	evaluate, versions of the past, exist, relevant information, viewpoint, perspective, bias, anachronism, critically, sift evidence, weight evidence, develop perspective, judgement, infer, deduction, reliable, valid		
Similarity, differe	nce I can describe social, religious and ethnic	similarities, differences, past, changes, impact, legacy		
and diversity	diversity in Britain and the wider world.	similarities, directices, past, changes, impace, regacy		
SKILLS		LEARNING STATEMENTS		
Using Evidence	I can think critically, weigh evidence, sift arg	uments and develop perspective and judgement.		
	I can describe how the past can be represen	'		
Historical	I can answer and sometimes devise my own	, , ,		
Enquiry	I can use one or more sources of information to help me answer questions about the past in sentences.			
Communication	I can present recalled or selected information in a variety of ways using specialist terms.			
	I can write sentences or a paragraph to describe some of the main events, people and changes in the history of Britain and the wider world.			
	I am beginning to use place value in the context of timelines.			
TIER 3 VOCABULARY				
General	General achievements, process of change, slave, citizen, dynasties, civilisation, trade, art and culture, religion, worship, sacrifice, beliefs, peace, power			
	laws, justice, prosperity, wealth			
Topic Specific China, Shang, dynasty, emperor, hierarchy, slavery, oppression, inequality, dictator, priest, craftsmen, slave, democracy, law, value				
	power, Fu Hao, imperialism, oracle bones, bronze age			

KNOWLEDGE (substantive)				
'Core'	'Additional'			
1) I know that historians and	a) I know that oracle bones are primary sources found from the time of the Shang Dynasty. They were made from animal bones and were used			
archaeologists have discovered	to write on and tell the future.			
historical artefacts to learn more	b) I know that the Shang Dynasty was the first civilisation to develop a writing system.			
about the Shang Dynasty.	c) I know that jade stone was used to make jewellery and ornaments which symbolised wealth.			
2) I know that the Shang Dynasty	a) I know that the Shang Dynasty ruled during the Bronze Age and can locate on a timeline when the Shang Dynasty ruled.			
ruled in China from 1600-1046 BC,	b) I know where China is on a world map and can label where in China the Shang Dynasty ruled.			
more than 3000 years ago.	c) I know some of the important cities, rivers and seas of China such as Yellow River, Yellow Sea, Beijing, Shanghai, and can label them.			
	d) I can describe the physical geography of parts of China and why people settled there to create large and powerful cities.			
3) I know that a law is a set of	a) I know that in the Shang Dynasty policies and laws were made by the Emperor – a dictator.			
rules dictated by a state and we b) I know that in democracies, laws and policies are written by governments and voted for or against.				
have them to keep us safe and c) I know some examples of Shang laws and punishments and can think of my own new laws.				
protect our rights.				
4) I know what a democracy is and	a) I know we have a government which is elected through voting and the name of political parties in the UK.			
the political system we have in the	b) I know some of the British values that political parties in the UK try to uphold – democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual			
UK.	respect and tolerance of all faiths.			
	c) I know that the Shang king was the head of political and religious life and that nobles, warriors, artisans and farmers all came next in the			
	hierarchy of power and leadership. I can compare this form of leadership to the Houses of Parliament in the UK.			
5) I know traditional Chinese art is	a) I know that traditional Chinese art usually depicts nature (birds, flowers, hills) and is created using watercolour or pen and ink.			
created using similar techniques	b) I know that a lot of traditional Chinese art incorporated Chinese writing or symbols in them.			
and images.	c) I know a famous traditional Chinese artist is Qi Baishi.			
6) I know that Fu Hao was the first	a) I know that Fu Hao led military campaigns as an army general.			
Chinese female general.	b) I know that she also presided over important sacrificial ceremonies and controlled her own estate.			
	c) I know that we know this because it was transcribed on oracle bones and many weapons, including great battle axes, were found in her			
	tomb.			

GEOGRAPHY LEARNING STATEMENTS		GEOGRAPHICAL VOCABULARY AND CONCEPTS		
Locational and place knowledge Use of basic geographical vocabulary	I understand how some aspects have changed over time. I am beginning to apply the vocabulary of other subjects such as maths and science when describing geographical features and processes.	Human Geography Physical Geography	trade, settlement, town, city, urban, rural, country, county, economy, trade landscape, hills and mountains, topography, river, ocean, sea, coast, weather, climate, biomes, vegetation, farmland (human)	
Using globes, maps and plans	I can use a globe and maps and some OS symbols on maps (and digital mapping) to name geographical regions and identifying physical and human characteristics, including cities, rivers, mountains, hills, key topographical features,	Map-based vocabulary Tier 3 Place and	Equator, Northern/Southern hemisphere, Tropic of Capricorn/Cancer, atlas/map/globe, longitude, latitude, time difference, Greenwich Meantime, sea, ocean, mountains Asia, China, Far East, Beijing, Shanghai, Yellow Sea, East China Sea,	
Mapping skills	land-use patterns. I can use atlases to find places using an index and contents. I can use and understand Ordnance Survey symbols and keys to build up my knowledge of a local place, the UK and the	locational vocabulary Geographical concepts and tier 2	Yellow River, Yangtze River Place: changed, developed Space: weather, climate, biomes, vegetation	
Human and physical: enquiry skills and	wider world. I can use aerial photos and satellite images. I can use oblique aerial views. I can describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including rivers and mountains.	vocabulary	Scale: local, regional, national, continental, global, oceanic, relationships, patterns, connections, impact Environment (physical and human processes): settlement, river Interconnections: significance, connections, links, interdependent,	
communication	I can describe key aspects of human geography including types of settlement and land use, economic activity and the distribution of some natural resources of the countries studied.		economic, trade, social, break down Cultural awareness, diversity: lives, communities, disparity, inequality, religion, similarities and differences	

ART AND DESIGN				
Exploring and Developing				
Exploring and developing ideas	Select and record from first hand observation, experience and imagination and explore ideas for different purposes.			
	Question and make thoughtful observations about starting points and select ideas to use in their work.			
	Explore the roles and purposes of artists, craftspeople and designers working in different times and cultures.			
Evaluating and developing work	Compare ideas, methods and approaches in their own and others' work and say what they think and feel about them.			
	Adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further.			

Textiles/Collage (Recap)					
National Curriculum	Additional Skills Knowledge		Key Vocabulary		
-To develop techniques, including their control and	-Match the tool to the material	-Know that a sketchbook can be used to collate ideas and	Collage, form, tools and		
their use of materials, with creativity,	-Selects resources for their collage based	begin a planning process.	names, texture, reclaimed,		
experimentation and an increasing awareness of	on the suitability of the colour, shape,	-Know how to sort and group materials for different	structure, sculpture, object,		
different kinds of art, craft and design.	texture and pattern suiting the purpose.	purposes e.g. colour, texture, purpose, form	tear, fold, crumple,		
-To create sketch books to record their observations	-Combine skills more readily	-Know how to care for equipment and use them safely.	strengthen, strong, weak,		
and use them to review and revisit ideas	-Choose collage or textiles as a means of	-Know how to produce more intricate patterns and	crumple, fold, arrange,		
-To improve their mastery of art and design	extending work already achieved	textures.	layer, opaque, translucent,		
techniques, including drawing, painting and collage	-Cut and tear materials with some	-To know that materials can be layered to give different	transparent, cut tear,		
with a range of materials.	accuracy.	effects.	crease, score, fray, mosaic.		

Artist/Style/Activities

Create a Chinese style drawing of branches and birds – Draw Chinese symbol for nature.

Possible 'higher order' questioning		School Value	Topic relevance: How/when/where/why is it needed?
Remember	What is the capital of China? What is its	Resilience	When trying to make a bill a law, why do MPs require a lot of resilience?
	biggest city? What is the population? On what continent is China and where in the world is it? What other dictators can you remember?	Respect	Civilians of the Shang Dynasty had to respect some very harsh laws, and not adhering to them would've resulted in far worse punishments than not following our own laws in the UK! How do we respect the rule of law ('British' values) in the UK and why
Understand	Can you explain Democracy? Why do we have democracy in the UK? Are British Values really British?		do we need them? In our own democratic society, we know how important it is to respect people's equal vote. Was this always the case in Britain? When was it that everyone was treated equally regardless of race or gender? Are we all treated with respect now?
Apply	Why does democracy work? Is it better than a republic?	Responsibility	In our democracy, it is a great responsibility to vote and those who we are voting for have an even greater responsibility to look after their citizens.
Analyse	What must it have been like to be a slave? What does slavery suggest about a civilisation?		Our government and each political party have great responsibility in showing the British Values in all they do. We have a great responsibility in following our own school values. Wh
Evaluate	What have we learnt from the Shang Dynasty? What impact has it had on the world?	Happiness	would happen if we didn't? How can the way a government rules and the laws they put in place have a big impact on people's happiness? Was the Shang Dynasty a happy time for all?
Create	What laws would you create if you were a dictator? How would you lead and with what	Kindness	Although we have laws and rules to stick to, is it kindness that makes our society a better one?
	values?	Pride	Do you think living in a democratic country makes you proud? Why?