

## Shang Dynasty Research Worksheet

*Handout 1*

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### EARLY CHINA AND SHANG DYNASTY

#### Early China

[http://www.ualberta.ca/~csmackay/CLASS\\_110/Early.China.htm](http://www.ualberta.ca/~csmackay/CLASS_110/Early.China.htm)

1. When did recorded Chinese history begin, and what is the date of the earliest records?
  
2. What were the three divisions of early Chinese history?
  
3. Why was it believed as late as the 1920s that the first two divisions were fictitious?

#### Shang Dynasty

[http://www.anthro.mankato.msus.edu/prehistory/china/ancient\\_china/shang.html](http://www.anthro.mankato.msus.edu/prehistory/china/ancient_china/shang.html)

4. Which dynasty is considered to be the first true dynasty of China?



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5. For what "age" does the Shang period in China mark the beginning?
  
6. For what was bronze used in the Shang period?
  
7. What was used to make the implements and tools used in agriculture?

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### **The Shang Dynasty**

<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/ANCCHINA/SHANG.HTM>

8. Discuss the historical beginning of the Shang Dynasty according to the Chinese.

9. Describe the political system of the Shang Dynasty.

### **The Shang Dynasty**

<http://www.china10k.com/english/history/1/13/13.htm>

10. How many capitals existed during the Shang Dynasty? Why was the capital moved so often?

### **Shang Dynasty**

<http://www.cybercom.net/~jham/civilized/sample/pages/shang.htm>

11. What were the cities around the capital called?

12. What were the primary agriculture crops? What other items were raised during the Shang Dynasty?

### **Shang Dynasty (1,783 - 1,134 B.C.)**

<http://www.yutopian.com/history/shang.html>

13. Who invented chopsticks? What is the only other thing known about this person?

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## Shang (c. 1750 - c. 1040 BC)

<http://www.cgan.com.hk/china-art/www/history/shang.html>

14. What three things do we know about the Shang Dynasty?

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15. What was one of the most important technological developments of the Shang Dynasty?

## The Shang Dynasty, 1766-1050 BC

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16. How were the Shang Dynasty's court records kept?

17. Name and describe two systems of Chinese writing.

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**and**

## The Shang Dynasty, 1766-1050 BC

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18. On what was their religion based, and how was their religion practiced?

19. Explain the idea of ancestor worship.

## Artifacts from a Late Shang Dynasty Royal Tomb

<http://www.npm.gov.tw/exhibition/ctom2000/english/etom2000.htm>

20. How many years ago did the last phase of the Shang Dynasty begin?

## The Shang Dynasty

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21. How many years did the Shang Dynasty last? How many kings and how many generations made up this dynasty?