

# Rise of Civilization in China

**Directions:** Read Chapter 3 Section 4 (pages 92-100) and answer the questions below. Please write in full sentences and include vocabulary words and references to the textbook.

1. How did geography impact early Chinese civilization? Give at least TWO examples.

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2. How was society organized? Was there a large or small class division in Ancient China? Support your answer with references to the text. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Which dynasty overthrew the Shang Dynasty in 1122 BCE? \_\_\_\_\_

4. **THIS QUESTION IS NOT FROM THE TEXTBOOK!** Some teachers say that at the beginning of the school year, new students are very well behaved, doing their homework, studying for tests, but as the year goes on, they start to fool around, and they start missing work. Why do you think that is?

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5. Define: **Mandate of Heaven** \_\_\_\_\_

6. Define: **Dynastic Cycle** \_\_\_\_\_

7. According to Chinese beliefs, how would a dynasty (ruling family) lose the Mandate of Heaven?

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8. What is feudalism, and how did it eventually cause the collapse of the Zhou Dynasty?

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9. Were the early Chinese monotheists or polytheists? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Define: **Shang Di** \_\_\_\_\_

Look at your answers to #9 and #10. Does this remind you of any other belief systems we have studied? If so, which one, and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. If the Chinese did not believe Shang Di would listen to them, who did they pray to/call upon?

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12. Your textbook says it is a mistake to call this ancestor worship. Do you agree? Why or why not?

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13. How did the discovery of silk making help bring wealth to China?

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