

Rise of Civilization in China

Directions: Read Chapter 3 Section 4 in the textbook and use what you learn to answer the questions.

GEOGRAPHY

1. Why was early China disconnected from the civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, and India?
2. What kind of “outsiders” did the Chinese usually encounter?
3. Along what two rivers did Chinese civilization originate?
4. Was living along the rivers helpful or harmful to the early Chinese?

SHANG “DYNASTY” (DATES _____ - _____)

5. A **clan** is...
6. What was it like to be a peasant?

ZHOU DYNASTY (DATES _____ - _____)

7. What is the **Mandate of Heaven**?
8. What is the **Dynastic Cycle**, and how is it related to the Mandate of Heaven? Explain the process.
9. What did they use for money in Zhou China?

10. What is feudalism? How did it lead to the collapse of the Zhou Dynasty?

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

11. What were the beliefs of Traditional Chinese Folk Religion in early China?

TWO BELIEF SYSTEMS

12. Who was Confucius and what did he teach? (Give lots of examples!)

13. Who was Laozi and what did he teach?

ACHIEVEMENTS

14. Why was the discovery of silk making so important for China?

15. How did Chinese writing begin?