



Let all that you do
be done in Love
1 Corinthians 16:14



The Shang Dynasty was the first well-documented dynasty in China, though earlier ones are mentioned in Chinese legend. It was based around the Yellow River in central China and is sometimes called the cradle of Chinese civilisation.

Key facts

Tang was the first emperor of Shang. He was very popular and successful.

Fu Hao was one of the many wives of Wu Ding but was also the military commander.

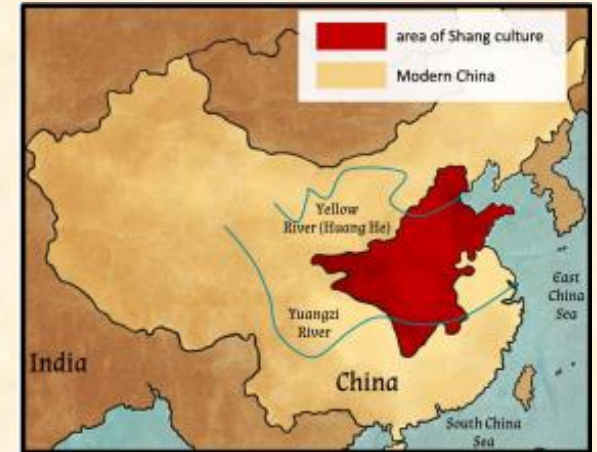
Wu Ding a very successful emperor for 58 years.

Zhou was the last emperor of the Shang Dynasty who was known as a tyrant.

Key People

Emperor Tang
King Zhou
Fu Hao

Shang Dynasty



In this unit children will explore:

How was society structured in the Shang Dynasty?

Who was Fu Hao?

What were the accomplishments of the Shang Dynasty?

Transferable vocabulary & concepts

Society: people in general, thought of as a large organised group

Classes: a system of ordering society where people are divided into groups based on social or economic status

Hierarchy: a system of organising people into different ranks or levels of importance

Key Vocabulary

Dynasty: a family that rule a country or state for many generations

Jade: A mineral (rock) that is green in colour
General: A leader of an army

Oracle bones: Animal bones or turtle shells used to try to predict the future

Yellow River: A major river running north east of China

Timeline of Key Events

2400 BCE
Bronze age begins in China

1600 BCE
King Tang starts the Shang Dynasty

1250 BCE-1192 BCE
Emperor Wu Ding reigns

1046 BCE
Shang Dynasty is defeated

1928
Excavations begin in Anyang