

Chapter 5- Ancient China

Objectives: recognize the dynasties and geography of Ancient China.

Task: Travel Agent

You are a travel agent living in 2000 BCE.

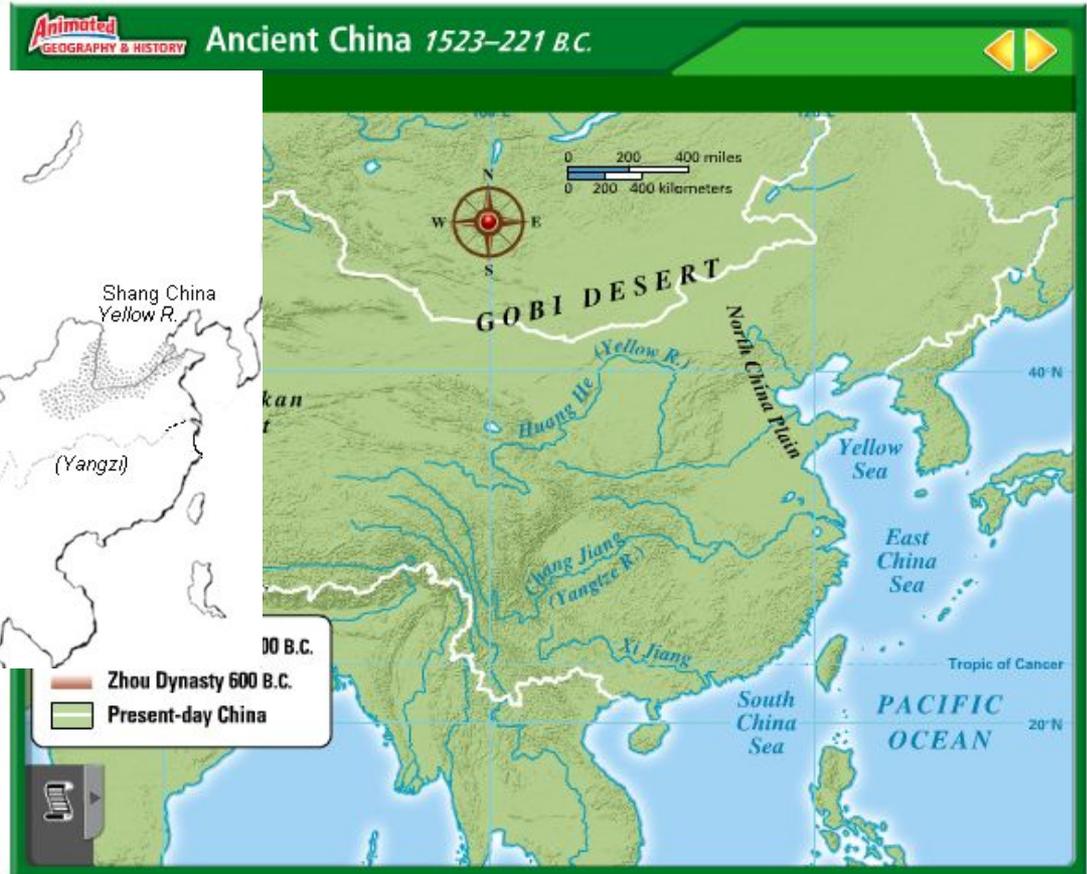
Your boss has given you an assignment: encourage more Sumerians to visit Ancient China. It is your job to create a travel brochure that advertizes Ancient China as a great vacation destination.

This week in class we will learn about Ancient China. After each lesson, you should have some new knowledge that will help you advertize.

Geography

- Ancient China was located between the Chang Jiang (Yangzte) and Huang He (Yellow) rivers.

The Four Old-World River Valley Cultures



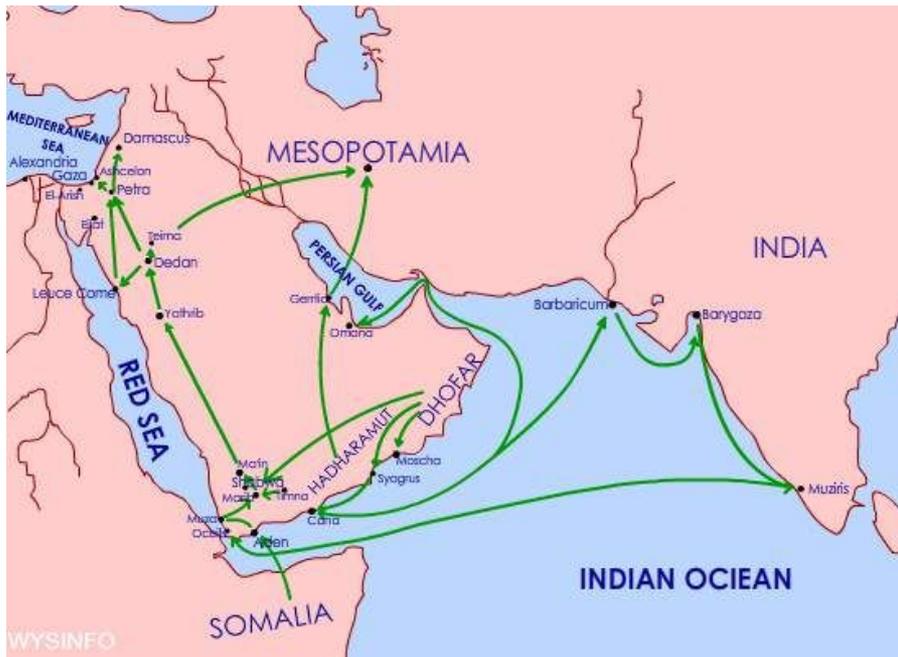
Isolation

- Ancient China was surrounded by deserts and mountains, which isolated them from other civilizations.



Trade

- Mesopotamians, Ancient Egyptians, and Ancient Indians traded with each other. Ancient Chinese did not trade with other civilizations because the mountains and deserts made trade and travel difficult.

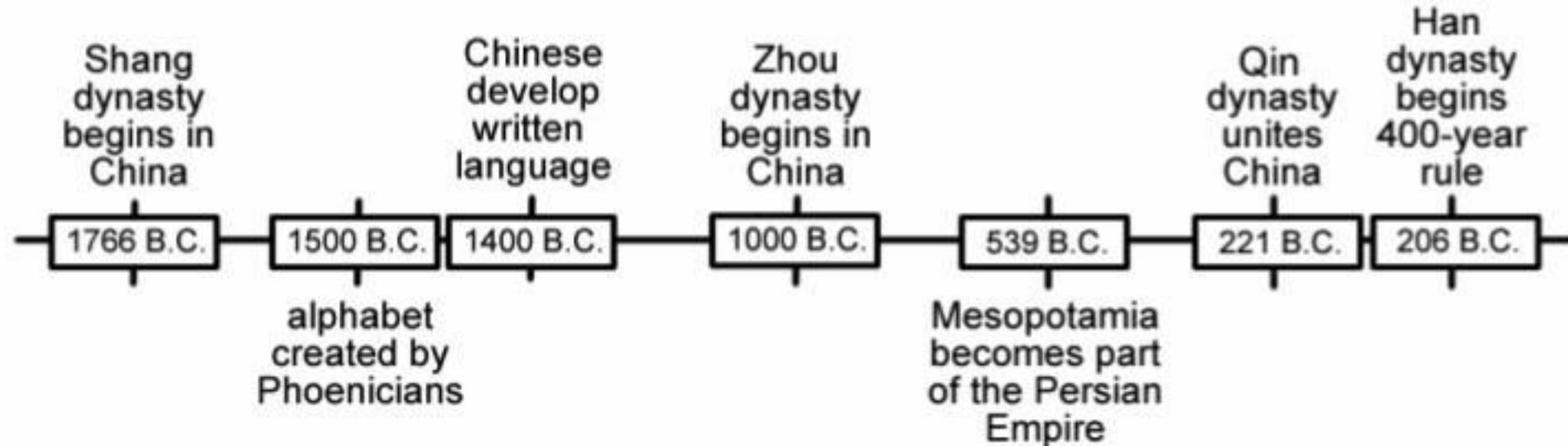


Check for Understanding

- Which rivers was Ancient China located on?
- How did the deserts and mountains around China affect the Ancient Chinese?
- Which civilizations traded with each other?

Dynasties

- Several **dynasties** ruled China. Dynasties are families that rule for several generations.



Mandate from Heaven

- Chinese believed that **gods** gave their Kings the power to rule. This is called the “**Mandate from Heaven**”.



Dynastic Cycle



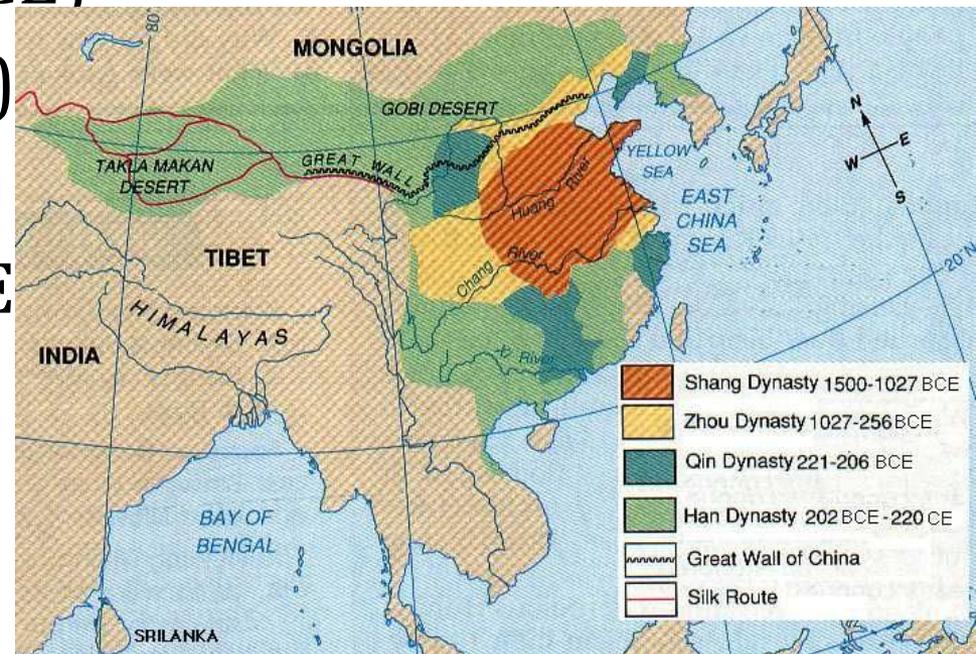
Losing the Mandate from Heaven

- In bad times of war or draught, other rulers took over, claiming that the Kings had lost their “Mandate from Heaven”.

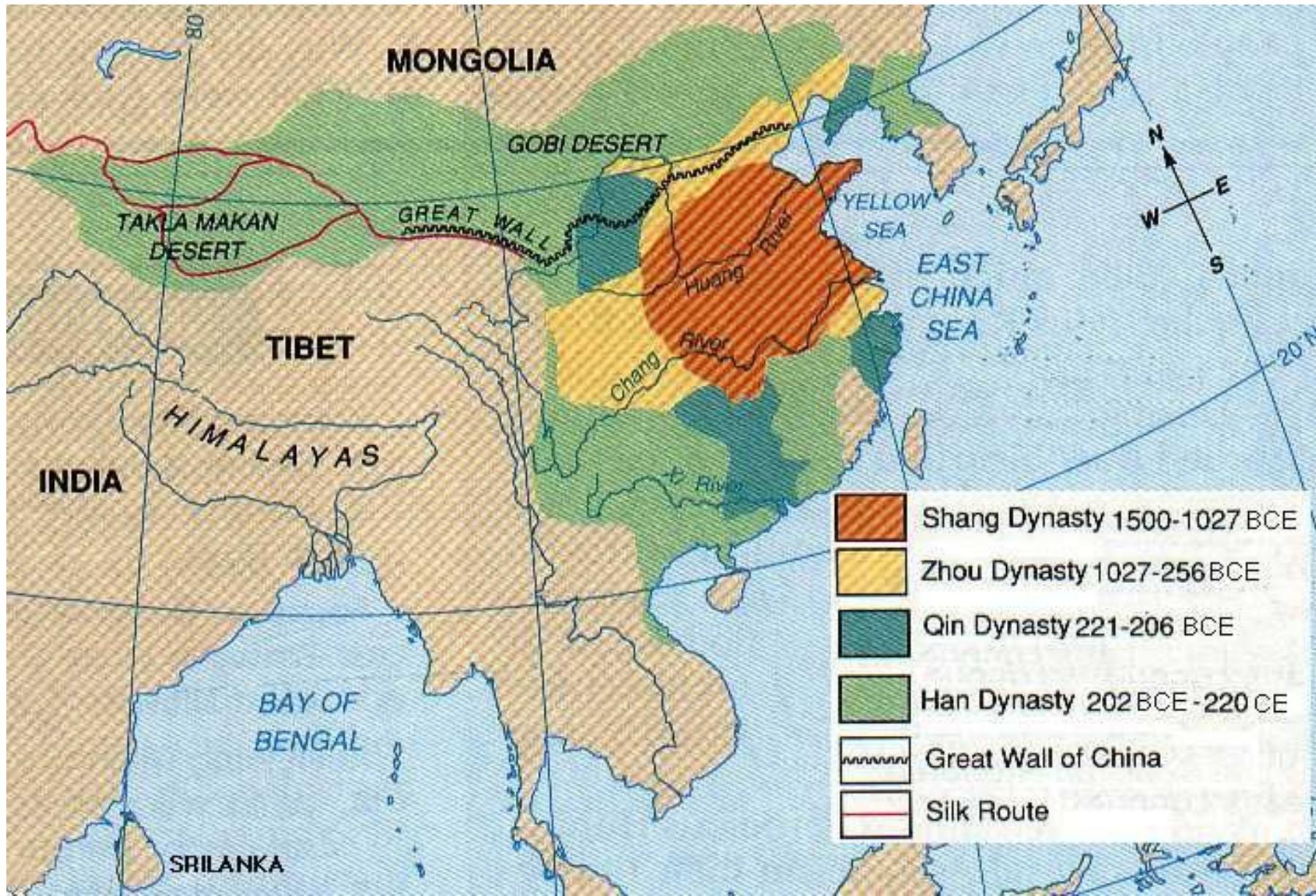


Dynasties

- The four dynasties which ruled Ancient China were:
 - Shang (1523-1028 BCE)
 - Zhou (1027-256 BCE)
 - Qin (221-206 BCE)
 - Han (206 BCE-220 CE)



Ancient Chinese Empire (c.3500 - 589 CE)



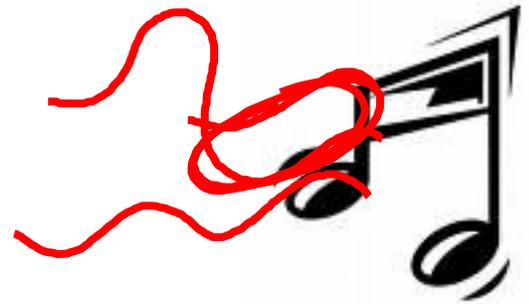
To the Tune of “Head Shoulders Knees and Toes”

Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han, Qin, Han

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Ancient Chinese dynasties: from father to son,

Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han, Qin, Han



Check for Understanding

- What is a dynasty?
- What is a “Mandate from Heaven”?
- Why did dynasties end?