

Chapter 5

Ancient China

The Geography of China's River Valleys

SECTION 1

The Geography of Ancient China

- Contrasting Climate and Landforms
 - _____ east Asia- came from soil deposits of _____
 - Brief intense summer rainy season- monsoon
 - South- warm and wet- _____ from South China Sea- March-September- light rain rest of year
- Effects on Civilization
 - Geographic barriers- mountains and seas
 - Called themselves the _____ - thought they were center of the world
 - Spring- river overflowed- brought fresh topsoil- first civs started on Huang and Chang (longest) Rivers

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- The _____
 - Huang- 2nd longest in China- means “yellow”
 - Loess- _____ - deposited on soil when floods
 - Along Huang people grow _____ - grain
- China’s Sorrow
 - Huang’s aka- brings _____ - flash floods that can kill thousands
 - Sometimes cut new paths in the land and changed course for hundreds of miles

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– Flood Control

- Early Chinese built dikes

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- Let loess settle on bottom, raising water levels, overflowing dikes, and causing more floods
- Still the Huang is/was important to Chinese life

Early Civilization in China

- The _____
 - 1760 bc- first civilization in China
 - First cities- known for _____
work
 - First Chinese writing system- could be used with
_____ (like
cuneiform)
 - 600 years later, Zhou dynasty in Wei Valley west of
Shang people

Early Civilization in China

- The _____
 - Lived beside Shang ppl- sometimes at peace, other times fought
 - 1122bc- Zhou people conquered Shang people- ruled China for 1000 years
 - Earlier Western Zhou dynasty
 - Later Eastern Zhou dynasty
 - _____ - small groups fought for control toward the end of the Eastern Zhou dynasty
 - Followed by the Qin (chin) dynasty

Early Civilization in China



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- Some rulers inherited throne, others fought for it
 - Believed in _____ - Mandate of Heaven
 - Gave a ruler the right to rule, a father right to rule a family

Importance of the Family

- Traditional Families

- First responsibility is _____

- 5 generations of ppl living together-

- Rich in one large home, poor in several separate 1 room cottages

Importance of the Family

- Family Authority
 - Familial status- based on age and gender
 - Most powerful- _____ -
chose who kids and grandkids would marry-
punished kids who disobeyed
 - When he died, his land was divided amongst sons
who then started their own families

Importance of the Family

- Women's Roles

- _____ than men- 3 obediences

- 1. obey _____ in youth

- 2. obey _____ in marriage

- 3. obey _____ in widowhood

- Four virtues:

- _____
 - _____

- Married, left family, joined family of husband-
obeyed _____

Importance of the Family

- Family Names
 - 300bc- inherited family name with personal name (Mao, Chan, Lu are common)
 - _____
 - Family has always been very important- Confucius teachings in Section 2