

# Ancient China: Shang & Zhou Dynasties Quiz

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Fill in the Blank

1. China's early societies first developed in and around the area of the \_\_\_\_\_ River.
2. What is a dynasty?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Regardless of social class, all people believed in ancestor \_\_\_\_\_.

## Matching: Chinese Writing

- |                  |       |                                                                                 |
|------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4. oracle bones  | _____ | a. 40,000                                                                       |
|                  |       | b. part of a religious custom that provided the first examples of early writing |
| pictographs      | _____ |                                                                                 |
|                  |       | c. used to represent abstract ideas                                             |
| ideographs       | _____ |                                                                                 |
|                  |       | d. used to represent concrete objects                                           |
| total characters | _____ |                                                                                 |

## Multiple Choice

5. Which of the following is not a characteristic of a civilization?  
a. some form of writing  
b. advanced science and technology  
c. different languages spoken  
d. a spiritual belief system
6. Which dynasty was the first recorded dynasty of Ancient China?  
a. Qin  
b. Zhou  
c. Han  
d. Shang
7. Which of the following is NOT true about Confucius?  
a. He was a scholar, philosopher, and teacher  
b. He was famous during his lifetime  
c. He focused on kindness and respect  
d. He was one of the most important people in the Ancient Chinese civilization

### Matching of Dynasties

- 8.** Led the people into the Iron Age \_\_\_\_\_
- Created an early calendar system \_\_\_\_\_
- Set up some of the very first large cities \_\_\_\_\_
- The kingdom was divided into smaller territories \_\_\_\_\_
- Led the people into the Bronze Age \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Shang Dynasty
- b. Zhou Dynasty

### Matching of Social Classes

- 9.** First (Top) \_\_\_\_\_
- Second \_\_\_\_\_
- Third \_\_\_\_\_
- Fourth \_\_\_\_\_
- Fifth (Lowest) \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Scholars
- b. Peasants
- c. Nobles
- d. Kings
- e. Farmers

### True or False

- 10.** China developed into a prosperous and independent country all on its own with virtually no outside influence.

True      False

### BONUS QUESTIONS

### Fill in the Blank

- 11.** During the Shang Dynasty, farmers discovered how to use strands from cocoons to create a beautiful and highly prized cloth called \_\_\_\_\_.

### Multiple Choice

- 12.** Which of the following is called the "Sea of Death"?
- a. the Gobi Desert      c. the Taklimakan Desert
- b. Yellow Sea      d. China Sea