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## The First Dynasties of China

During the Shang dynasty, the symbols of Chinese writing could stand for objects or ideas. Answer the questions to complete the activity. For help, you may refer to pages 150 to 157 in your textbook.

1. Before the Shang dynasty, an early writing system had developed along parts of which river?

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2. Where have experts found writing from the Shang period?

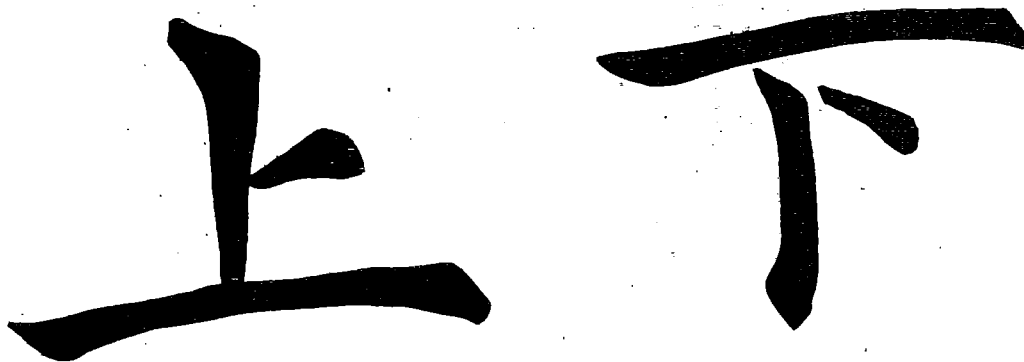
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3. How was the future predicted during the Shang?

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4. Pictured at left is the Chinese character for the word *up*. Look at the character on the right. What might it mean?

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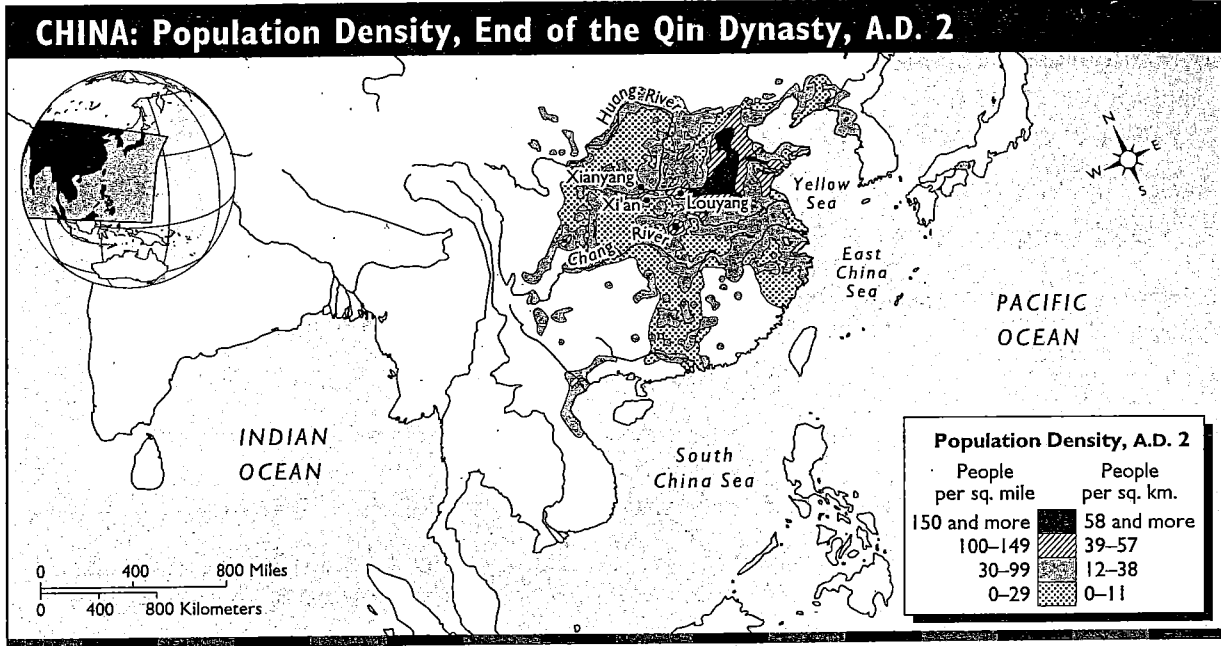
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# Reading a Distribution Map

A distribution map shows how something, such as population, natural resources, and climate, is spread out, or distributed, over an area. The map shows the population density of northeastern China in A.D. 2. Use the map to answer the questions. For help, you may refer to pages 158 and 159 in your textbook.



1. What symbol stands for the most densely populated area? (Circle one.)



2. Where is the most densely populated area?

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3. What is the population density of Luoyang?

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4. What is the population density along the Chang River?

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5. Why do you think the population density is sometimes high near rivers?

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