

Civilization in Ancient China

► People and Their Environments

1. Turn to pages 20–21 of the Atlas. Read the introduction. Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. What two cultures did Chinese civilization develop from?
_____ and _____
 - b. In what river valley did the Yangshao culture develop? _____
 - c. How many years after the Yangshao did the Longshan culture develop?

 - d. What is a dynasty? _____
 - e. What was the first Chinese dynasty called? _____

► Places, Regions, and Landscapes

2. Look at picture A and read its caption to answer the following questions.
 - a. What became the main crop in southern China? _____
 - b. What features does the land in southern China have?

► History Through Maps

3. Look at map B, “Early Chinese Civilizations.” Next to each statement below, write a **Y** if it describes the Yangshao or an **L** if it describes the Longshan.
 - a. Farmed along the Yangtze River _____
 - b. Bordered a desert _____
 - c. Existed from 5000–3000 B.C. _____
 - d. Existed from 3000–1700 B.C. _____
 - e. Grew rice _____
 - f. Grew millet _____
 - g. Carved jade _____
 - h. Raised pigs _____
 - i. Raised cattle _____

► Gathering the Facts

4. Look at map C, "Shang Dynasty," and read the history question, "Can we keep it in the family?" Use the information to answer the following questions.
- What year did the Shang dynasty begin? _____ What year did the Shang dynasty end? _____
 - Did the Shang Dynasty last longer or shorter than the entire history of the United States to date? _____
 - Are members of a dynasty elected or is rule inherited? _____
 - How is power passed down? _____
 - What two bodies of water formed the eastern and southern boundaries of Shang territory? _____ and _____
 - What was the capital of the Shang dynasty? _____
 - What states did the Shang control? _____
 - Which state overthrew the Shang? _____

► People and Cultures

5. Look at chart D, "Development of Chinese Characters." Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
- Writing in China developed during the Shang dynasty. _____
 - Chinese writing has not changed since the Shang dynasty. _____
 - Chinese characters represented ideas. _____
 - A Chinese character can represent an object. _____
 - Chinese writing allowed people to communicate even if they did not speak the same language. _____

★ Thinking About History

6. Look at picture E and read its caption to answer the following questions.
- When did the Bronze Age begin in China? _____
 - Why was bronze important? _____
 - Why do you think the object in the picture was made in the form of a water buffalo? _____

Dynasties of Ancient China

► Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 22–23 of the Atlas. Read the introduction and the history question, “What did Confucius say?” Use the information to fill in the blanks below.
 - a. The first unified empire in China was established by the _____ dynasty.
 - b. The _____ and the _____ dynasties also helped develop ancient China.
 - c. The name China comes from the _____ dynasty. Qin can also be spelled _____.
 - d. The teachings of the ancient Chinese philosopher _____ provided people with a guide to living a moral life.

► Thinking About History

2. Look at map A, “Zhou Dynasty.” Then, for each pair of events below, write **C** next to the cause and **E** next to the effect.
 - a. _____ Barbarian tribes invade Zhou territory.
_____ Zhou capital moves from Hao to Luoyang.
 - b. _____ Large states control smaller states.
_____ Chinese states fight each other.

★ Links Far and Near

3. Look at picture B and read its caption. Use the photo to answer the following questions.
 - a. Why was the Great Wall built? _____
 - b. Why do you think it was necessary to keep rebuilding the Great Wall?

 - c. What do you think the towers along the wall were used for?

 - d. The Great Wall is over 4,000 miles long. If you were walking at a speed of about 4 miles per hour, how long would it take you to walk the entire length of the Great Wall? _____

► **Time and Change**

4. Use map C, "Qin Dynasty," to sequence the events below in chronological order. Write 1 next to the event that occurred first and 5 next to the event that occurred last.
- a. Great Wall is built. _____
 - b. Civil war breaks out. _____
 - c. Qin rule begins. _____
 - d. Qin dynasty ends. _____
 - e. Qin conquers other states and unites China. _____

► **History Through Maps**

5. Use map D, "Han Dynasty," to answer the following questions.
- a. In which cities were the two capitals of the Han dynasty located?
_____ and _____
 - b. To what city did the Han extend the Great Wall? _____
 - c. What trade route did the Han build that linked China with Europe?

 - d. The Han expanded west through which desert? _____
 - e. How long did the Han dynasty last? _____
 - f. How did the Han dynasty end? _____

► **People and Cultures**

6. Look at map A, "Zhou Dynasty," map C, "Qin Dynasty," and map D, "Han Dynasty." Next to each statement below, write **Z** if it describes the Zhou dynasty, **Q** if it describes the Qin dynasty, or **H** if it describes the Han dynasty. Some statements describe more than one dynasty.
- a. The shortest-lasting dynasty _____
 - b. Expanded China the most _____
 - c. Capital was located at Luoyang. _____
 - d. Built the Silk Road _____
 - e. Built the Great Wall _____
 - f. Was invaded by barbarians _____
 - g. The Huang He flowed through its territory. _____