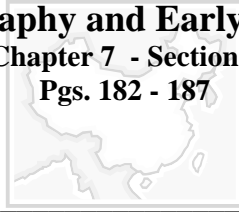


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Vocabulary

vary - _____

jade - _____

oracle - _____

I. China's Physical Geography

1. How has geography contributed to the development of Chinese civilization? _____
_____.

A Vast and Varied Land

2. China covers an area of nearly 4 million square miles. What other country in the world is this similar to? _____.

3. What desert spreads across most of northern China? _____.

4. What region forms one of the world's largest farming regions? _____.

The Rivers of China

5. The two greatest rivers that flow from west to east in China are the _____, or Yellow River, and the _____, also called the Yangzi River. The _____ river stretches for nearly 3,000 miles across China. The _____ is the longest river in Asia.

6. Why is the Huang He sometimes called China's Sorrow? _____
_____.

7. ***Making My Own Decision:*** Which region in ancient China do you think would have been the hardest place to live and why?

II. Civilizations Begin

8. What did the ancient Chinese do along the banks of the rivers they settled on? _____
_____.

The Development of Farming

9. How did the floods along the rivers help the Chinese? _____
_____.

Early Settlements

Archaeologists have found remains of early Chinese villages. Pretend you were helping them excavate. Write a descriptive letter to a friend explaining what you discovered.

10.

Date: _____

Dear _____,

Sincerely,

(Jr. Archaeologist)



Check out
what I
discovered!

11. ***Make connection:*** What ancient culture that we've studied this year can you compare the burial sites to? Explain:

III. China's First Dynasties

The Xia Dynasty

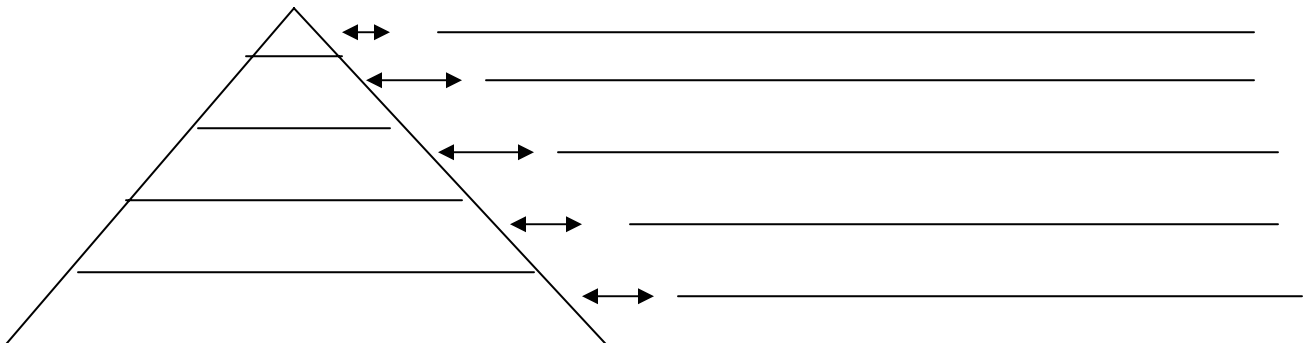
12. According to legend, _____, founded the Xia Dynasty. According to these accounts, Yu _____ channels to drain the water to the _____. This labor took him _____ years.

True or False

13. _____ Archaeologists have found evidence that the tales about the Xia are true.
14. _____ The stories about the Xia rulers were not important to the ancient Chinese.

The Shang Dynasty

15. Complete the following social pyramid, which represents the social structure within the Shang Dynasty.



Chinese Writing
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16. The Shang made many advances, including China's first _____.

17. This system used more than _____ symbols to express _____ or _____.

18. Shang writing has been found on _____ and _____.

19. How were the cracks that the priests "read" created? _____

	Writing from Shang Period	Current Chinese Writing
Sun		
Rain		
Field		
Moon		

What additional achievements did the Shang contribute to society?

20. Artisans made _____. They also made _____, _____, and _____ from jade.

Choose one achievement of the artisans that you think is most important and illustrate it here.

21. The military developed _____, _____, and _____.

Choose one achievement of the military that you think is most important and illustrate it here.

22. Astrologers developed a _____ based on _____.

Illustrate the achievement of the astrologers here.