

2.4 River Dynasties in China (pp. 50-55)

Section Outline: Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- The Geography of China
 - River Systems
 - Environmental Challenges
 - China's Heartland
- Civilization Emerges in Shang Times
 - The First Dynasties
 - Early Cities
- The Development of Chinese Culture
 - Family
 - Social Classes
 - Religious Beliefs
 - Development of Writing
- Zhou and the Dynastic Cycle
 - Mandate of Heaven
 - Control through Feudalism
 - Improvements in Technology and Trade
 - A Period of Warring States