

5.2 The First Dynasties of China (pp. 150-157)

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 Shang Dynasty
 - Shang Culture
 - Bamboo and Bones: Shang Writing
 - Shang Religious Beliefs
 - China's Classic Age
 - The Mandate of Heaven
 - Inventions, Local Rule, and War
 - The Zhou System of Rule
 - The Warring States Period
 - Uses of Iron
 - Horses and Chariots
 - A Time of Changes
 - A Man Named Confucius
 - Confucius and Education

Reading Check Questions: Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. Who ruled Shang towns and villages?
2. How did the Zhou explain their right to rule?
3. What caused the decline of the Zhou?
4. What did Confucius say would make a state run fairly?