

# The Shang Dynasty

## Conflict

### Prior Knowledge

**Year 4**—you learned about another ancient civilisation—The Mayans.

**Year 2**—In Geography, you learnt about the locations of the continents—including Asia where China is.



### My Component Knowledge:

Lesson 1: How did the Shang Dynasty start?

Lesson 2: How did the Shang Dynasty keep control?

Lesson 3: What was the Battle of the Muye?

Lesson 4: What were the Shang beliefs about burial?

Lesson 5: How can you evaluate the reliability of historical sources?

Lesson 6: What do you know about the Shang Dynasty?

### My Composite Knowledge:

I know that historical information comes from a variety of sources. Some of these sources are more reliable than others.

### My Powerful Knowledge:

I know and understand the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of non-European societies and the follies of mankind.

### Key Vocabulary

**Tier 1:** tomb, temple, China, ancient,

**Tier 2:** succession, generations, valid source, invalid source, reliable,

**Tier 3:** dynasty, heredity, ancestor, emperor, oracle bones, conqueror, dissolution, follies



What makes an information source reliable?

When was the Shang Dynasty?

How did it start and how did it end?

What is the legacy of the Shang Dynasty?

### Timeline

c.1675BCE – Tang overthrows Jie of the Xia Dynasty. The Shang Dynasty begins.

c.1500BCE – Large scale Bronze production begins. This is the start of the Bronze Age in China.

1450-1375BCE – King Tai Wu rules the Shang Dynasty for around 75 years!

1450BCE – The capital city of the Shang Dynasty is Yin, although this is later moved.

1300BCE – Pan Geng rules. He has many enemies, and has to move his capital city.

1200BCE – Lady Hao dies, and is buried with many worldly treasures.

1046BCE – Emperor Zhou is overthrown by Wu, ending the Shang Dynasty.