

Life in The Shang Dynasty

The Shang Dynasty was a kingdom in ancient China a very long time ago — about 3,500 years back! People lived in villages and towns near a big river called the Yellow River. Farmers grew food like rice and millet to feed their families. Kings were very powerful and lived in grand palaces. People believed in gods and spirits, and they prayed to their ancestors — the family members who had died before them.

The Shang people were very clever. They made beautiful bronze bowls and cups. They also invented an early kind of writing by carving pictures and symbols onto bones and shells. Soldiers fought battles using bows and arrows and rode in wooden chariots pulled by horses. Life in the Shang Dynasty was exciting and busy!

Questions

1. How long ago did the Shang Dynasty exist?
2. What was the name of the big river near where people lived?
3. Name one food that farmers grew.
4. Where did kings live?
5. Who did Shang people pray to?
6. What were beautiful bowls and cups made from?
7. What did the Shang people carve their early writing onto?
8. What did soldiers ride in during battles?
9. What animals pulled the chariots?
10. Why do you think it was important for the Shang people to pray to their ancestors?



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