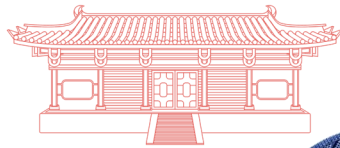
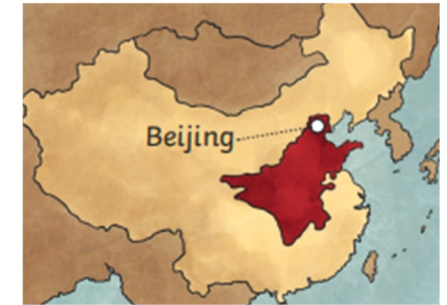


THE SHANG DYNASTY



Willow Pattern



Key Vocabulary	
oracle bones	Usually the shoulder bones of animals or the belly shells of turtles. Dug up centuries later by farmers, they were thought to be dragon bones and were ground up to be used in traditional Chinese medicine. In 1889, Wang Yirong and his friend Liu E worked out that the 'dragon bones' had been used in ancient ceremonies.
Fu Hao	Not only the first known female military leader, but also the most influential military leader of her time, either male or female, responsible for leading 13,000 soldiers into battle. She was also a high priestess, which was very unusual for a woman at the time.
intact	Complete, not robbed by looters.
jade	A hard mineral stone, usually green.
bronze	A metal made from a mixture of copper and tin.
cowrie shells	Small, flat, yellowish seashells, used like coins in trading.



In 1976, archaeologists discovered the tomb of Fu Hao at the site of the ancient Shang capital, Yin Xu.

Area of Shang Culture



<p>The first Shang king came to power. He was known as Emperor Tang, Cheng Tang or Tai Yi.</p>	<p>The capital of the Shang dynasty is moved to Yin (present day Anyang).</p>	<p>Oracle bones were being used to predict important information.</p>	<p>Cruelty and taxes cause the enslaved people to revolt. The Battle of Muye takes place between the Shang and Zhou armies.</p>
1600 BC	1300 BC	About 1250 BC	1046 BC
1600 BC - 1500 BC	1250 BC	1200 BC	1046 BC
<p>The Shang dynasty used bronze to make weapons, tools and religious vessels.</p>	<p>The beginning of the reign of the great Emperor Wu Ding.</p>	<p>Fu Hao (the wife of Emperor Wu Ding) dies.</p>	<p>The Shang dynasty ends and the Zhou dynasty begins.</p>