



Term: Autumn 2

Name of Topic | The Shang Dynasty

Year Group

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**Key Vocabulary and Spellings**

1	civilisation	The society, culture or way of life in a particular area.
2	culture	The ideas and customs of a particular people or society.
3	spear	Weapons with a pointed tip.
4	military	Powerful, highly organised soldiers.
5	Bronze workers	Bronze (metal) was used to make armour and tools.
6	Jade carvers	They make jewellery and treasure using the precious stone.
7	Craftspeople	Skilled workers.
8	Oracle bones	One of the earliest form of writing used to write questions to gods (made from ox bones).
9	Ji	A weapon. Spear and dagger axe.
10	chariot	A carriage used to carry cargo.



**Key Investigations**

1	What was it like to live in the Shang dynasty?
2	What happened to the dynasty? Why did it end?

**Top 5 Topic Facts**

1	The Shang dynasty ruled part of China between 1600BC and 1046BC.
2	The Shang dynasty lasted for five centuries.
3	Horses were the fastest form of transport.
4	The army during the Shang dynasty was powerful and well organised.
5	The people of the Shang dynasty prayed to lots of gods.

**Key Questions of Enquiry**

1	How did the Shang Empire rule in Ancient China?
2	How did the Shang army win battles?
3	What jobs did the Shang people do?