Hello Teachers and Students

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What’s the Same?
- The login page
- The bookshelf and books
- The content and media within the books
- The Teacher role (e.g. in some books, teachers see different content than students)

What’s New?
- The eText no longer requires Flash to open
- **New App:** Pearson has a new eText app for mobile devices!
  The previous app is no longer available.

- You can also use the new eText directly through the browser on your mobile device. (The user experience is not ideal on phones.)
Navigating

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Chapter 1: The Civilization of Early China

Can a civilization outlast a dynasty?

The Zhou Dynasty was one of China's dynasties that succeeded the Shang Dynasty. The Zhou Dynasty lasted for about 771-256 BCE. The Zhou Dynasty was known for its advancements in technology, agriculture, and art. The Zhou Dynasty had a strong centralized government and a strong military. The Zhou Dynasty also had a strong belief in the Mandate of Heaven, which was the idea that the ruling dynasty had the support of the gods.

How can people live in harmony?

Confucius, a Chinese philosopher, believed that people should live in harmony with each other. He believed that people should be honest, respectful, and kind to each other. Confucius believed that by following these principles, people could live in harmony and achieve a better society.

What answers did Confucius offer?

Confucius believed that people needed to follow the principles of the Five Relations: ruler-subject, father-son, elder-younger brother, friend-friend, and husband-wife. If people followed these principles, they would achieve harmony and a better society.

Thinking it through

1. How has the Zhou Dynasty influenced Chinese civilization?
2. What was the Mandate of Heaven?
3. What did Confucius believe people should do to live in harmony?

Access Your Background Knowledge

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Synthesize and Evaluate

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4. How did the Zhou Dynasty influence the development of Chinese civilization?
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Chapter 1: The Civilization of Early China

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The kings of the Shang Dynasty were constantly at war with other kingdoms. Eventually, they were defeated by the Zhou. The last Shang king was captured and beheaded in 1088 BCE. The Zhou rulers claimed that they had been defeated because they had lost the Mandate of Heaven. The Zhou believed that the gods permitted a king to rule as long as he was worthy. If he became unworthy or a despot, the gods would withdraw their approval. This would lead to a change of rulers. The Zhou insisted that they had been given the Mandate of Heaven, which was why they were able to defeat the powerful Shang. Throughout Chinese history, new rulers claimed the Mandate of Heaven to justify overthrowing someone else.

The end of the Shang Dynasty did not mean the end of Chinese civilization. The Zhou, like the dynasties that followed them, picked up where the previous dynasty left off. The Zhou admired Shang accomplishments, and adopted them for their own. Eventually, the Zhou Dynasty also fell. This led to the Warring States period (475–221 BCE). Various warlords fought each other, but no one could win. However, even during this chaotic time, three important schools of thought emerged: Confucianism, Legalism, and Daoism would greatly influence Chinese civilization.

Thinking about What's Important
1. Use a graphic organizer to summarize the reasons historians think that Chinese civilization began in the Shang Dynasty.

Build on the Ideas of Others
With a partner, write a paragraph explaining the Shang Dynasty. Together, generate ideas for new features of civilization that you could add to the original list. Set the list aside for future reference.

Summary and Evaluate
Now, write a paragraph to answer the section question: How did you know when a civilization has begun? Let your paragraph help you answer the Chapter Focus Question at the end of the chapter.

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3. What is the difference between a society and a civilization? Is Canada a society or a civilization? Explain your thinking.

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How can people live together in harmony?
Imagine how you would continue to rule all the different territories. Even in ancient China, living in harmony was an important goal. The Confucian political ideal was to go beyond this kind of rule. Confucius believed in harmonious society. Harmony is like a harmonious society by striving for five virtues. People should be:

4. upright
5. trustworthy
6. charitable
7. loving in all their relationships

Rulers were expected to be virtuous toward their subjects. Everyone had duties and responsibilities, depending on their station in life.
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