

CHINA HALL

DIGITAL RAILS MOCKUPS

MOCK UP THEMES

1. ATTRACT SCREEN / BIG QUESTION
2. 'WHERE'S WALDO' CLOSE-UP
3. EXPANDABLE REGIONS (BOOKSHELF/ACCORDION DESIGN)
4. MODERN EQUIVALENTS (ORACLE BONE = MAGIC 8 BALL)

MOCK UP THEMES (NOT COMPLETED YET)

5. RECENT QUESTIONS WITH DATES
6. PREDICTION PROMPTS OR VOTING WITH VISITOR TOTALS
7. CURATOR QUESTIONS

1. ATTRACT SCREEN / BIG QUESTION



What does the future hold ?
...and can you pay to find out ➔

1. ATTRACT SCREEN / BIG QUESTION



Why consult your
ancestors?

14 - 16 Oracle bones

Shang Dynasty (c. 1600 - 1046 BC)
China, Henan Province



How does divining
work?

17 - 18 Oracle bones

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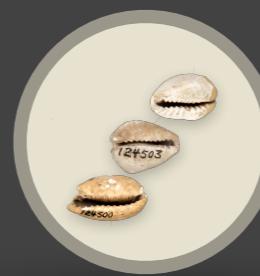
Supernatural protection?
More about Oracle Bones ➔



How did this pottery
come to be?

19 - 21 Ceramic vessels and sherd

Shang Zhou period (c. 1600 - 256 BC)
China



Shell payments

22 - 23 Cowrie shells

Western Zhou dynasty (c. 1046 - 770 BC)
China

Timeline will only be shown after selecting an artifact

1. ATTRACT SCREEN / BIG QUESTION



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Alternate layout, one question/exhibit shown at a time

2. WHERE'S WALDO



Can you find this inscription?

...tap here for options ➔

2. WHERE'S WALDO



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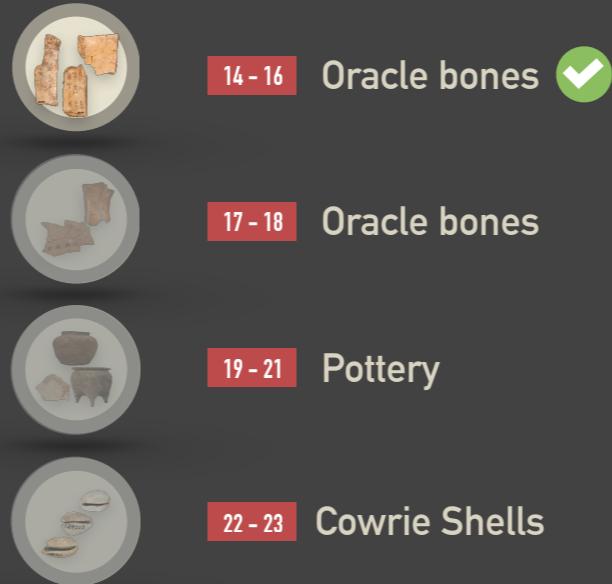
19 - 21 Pottery



22 - 23 Cowrie Shells

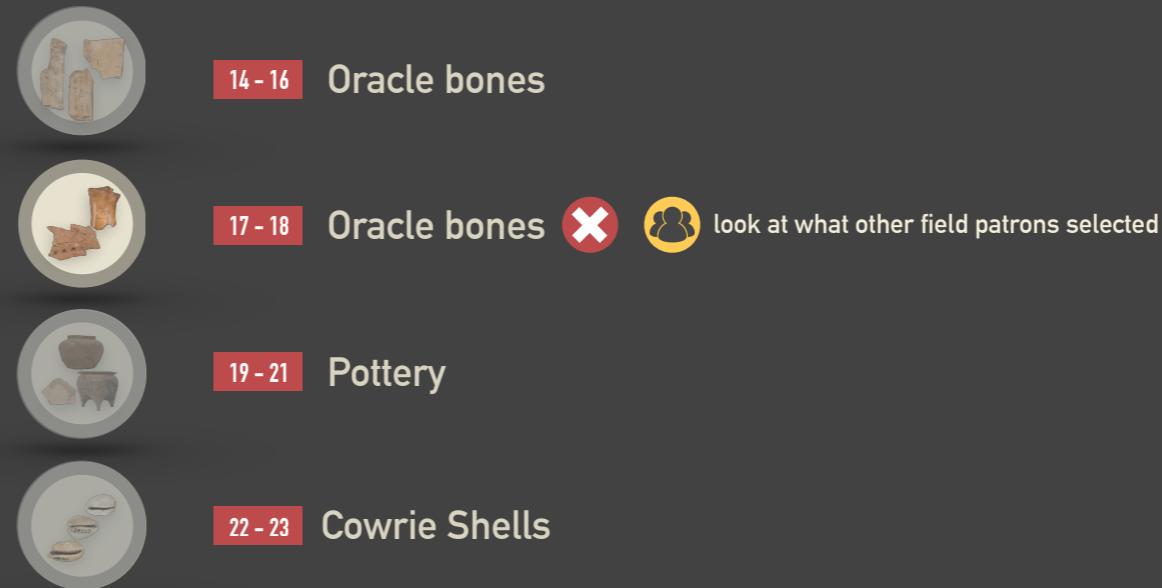
The visitor taps the one they think has the inscription

2. WHERE'S WALDO



The option selected is highlighted
An animation shows if the chosen option is correct/incorrect

2. WHERE'S WALDO



We can explore social aspects of this design.
For example selecting the wrong options can allow people to see what other visitors responded with

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Just a visualization change, only one artifact is fully displayed at a time.

4. MODERN EQUIVALENTS



Did they use a magic 8 ball too?

... and how would that work ➔

Have not fleshed out the question yet, but the idea was to use a modern equivalent of an ancient idea

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