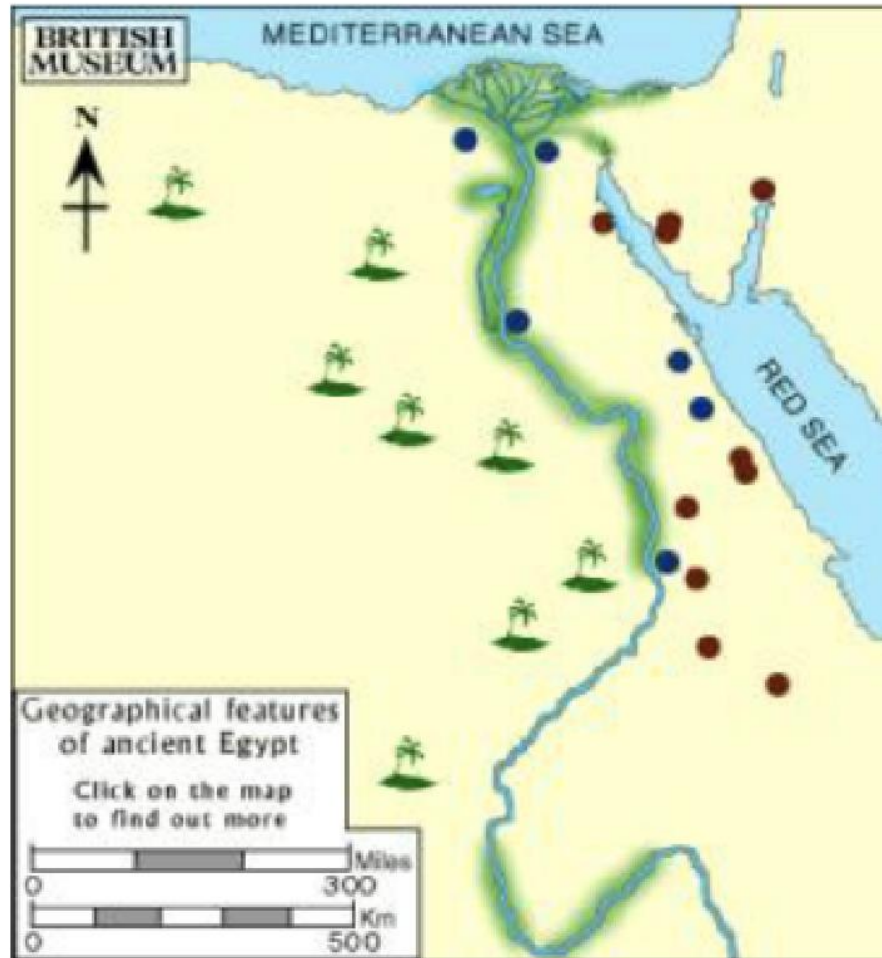


Imagine basing your civilization



around only ONE river

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Two rivers gang



Shang Dynasty (1766-1046 BCE)

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Geography

- Along the Yellow River
 - Development of food
- Capital changed multiple times
- Yinxu was the main capital
 - Modern day - known as Anyang, on the Yellow River
- Southern part of dynasty used Yangtze River



Name Origins

- The Shang dynasty is thought to have originated when a tribal chief named Tang defeated the tyrant Xia dynasty
 - Originally called Yin

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Technological Advancements

- The Shang dynasty is known for its mastery of the production of bronze, which gave the people an advantage in war
 - Made bronze spearheads and swords
- Chariots and horses
 - Domesticated the horse
- Written records



Political/Government Structure

- Government Structure
 - King who was a sacred figure
 - Council of nobles who governed
- Outer lands also controlled by aristocracy
 - Chieftains were given authority if they were loyal



Hierarchies

- Four classes
 - The King/Aristocracy, Military, Craftsmen, Farmers
 - Aristocracy governed smaller areas of the empire
 - Craftsmen made bronze ➡ important to the Shang



Art

- Art mainly made of Oracle Bones and Bronze
- Also made art made of Jade, Ceramic, and Stone
- Known for advancements in metallurgy



Communication

- Written language
 - Evidence from oracle bones
 - Advanced language
 - May indicate older language
 - Both in images then in discernable Chinese script



Religion/Myth



- Worshipped many gods with one supreme god
 - sacrifices
- Ancestor Worship
 - Believed in Afterlife → buried people with artifacts
 - Communicated with ancestors/gods through oracle bones
- Religion played into the government
 - The king got the divine right from the "gods"

Fall of Dynasty

- Eventually, smaller social classes were not happy with the reign of the Shang
- Lots of revolutions
- The group of people who revolted were called the "Zhou"
- Such group of people would soon take over, leading to the next Dynasty, the Zhou





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