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Prehistory of china

* Major Trends

1. time: earliest time-8th century BCE
2. well established villages, but couldn't move anywhere, due to the water supplies
3. Walled cities were established for home defense, and regulation.
4. male side of family retained the political power.
5. fictional family relationship, call each other with brother or sister.

* Significant Periods

1. Neolithic Revolution(10000-4000BCE): hunter-gathers, ex swidden(dry rice)
2. xia dynasty (ca 2100-1600BCE): the legendary first dynasty of China.
3. Shang dynasty (ca 1600-1122BCE): the first Chinese dynastic order found in the archaeological record.
4. DATES BEFORE 841 BCE ARE ALL LEGENDARY

* Oracle bones (jiaguwen)

1. tortoise shells and cow scapulae. Early examples of Chinese writing dating to the late Shang period (ca 1200BCE)

* The Zhou Dynasty (ca 1122-256BCE)

1. Emergence of central ruling house & system of Chinese feudalism.
2. new political instituions to curb the ruler's limitless authority
3. Defining the interior and exterior of Chinese "civilization"
4. The long ,violent birth of the Chinese empire.