



Important things I will know:

- That the Shang Dynasty was located in Northern china between 1600BC-1046BC.
- This was the same time as the Bronze Age in Britain and the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation.
- Until 1899, there was no evidence that the Shang Dynasty had ever actually existed.
- The likely purpose of carved oracle bones during the Shang Dynasty.
- What such artefacts suggest about the lives and beliefs of monarchs and noblemen of the Shang Dynasty.
- Why there is no evidence of the lives of ordinary people of the Shang Dynasty.
- How and why the impacts of the reigns of King Cheng Tang and Di Xin were so different.
- The importance of the Shang burial chamber discovered at Yi Au in 1976.
- What the artefacts and remains found in the tomb tell us about the person buried there.
- How life during the Shang dynasty compares with life in the Bronze Age Britain.

How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an ancient Chinese mystery?

Understand what recently discovered artefacts suggest about the life and beliefs of monarchs and noblemen during the Shang Dynasty.

Area of the Shang Dynasty in modern China.



Key Vocabulary and Phrases

Artefact	An historic object made by or belonging to a human being
Emperor	The person (often a monarch) that rules an empire
Oracle	A person through which a god is believed to speak
Dynasty	A succession of members of the same family who rule a country
Inscription	To write, print, carve or draw on a hard surface
Conquest	Gain control of a place or people by force
Ceremonial	An act or series of acts done in a set way to honour a special occasion
Empire	An extensive group of states or countries
Hieroglyphics	Incomprehensible symbols or writing

Inscriptions on turtle shell



Jade bird



The tomb of Fu Ham at Anyang

