Ancient China Civilization and Contributions from the Shang Dynasty

A lot of the times many people wonder how places were created or how the civilization started. Most research goes too far back, that a lot of the times these questions can’t be answered. But, depending on where, answers as too who created or founded a nation or country may be revealed. The founding of all nations and countries has always been introduced by either a group of people or a single individual. Land masses can’t name themselves. This means that it was constructed physically into a land mass that can be home to many. It takes a lot of people to form what they know as home. There can be no country or landmass without a society. The people are what help to make a place known for what it is. Most civilizations start around rivers. For china it was the Yellow River and the Yangtze River. But is this where the civilization really started or did it have something to do with the dynasties. What were important contributions from the ancient Chinese dynasty Shang; and how did these contributions influence china’s civilization?

Civilization is usually referred to societies. The upbringing of such that deal with human societies and its development. It normally refers to aspects along the lines of economical, political and moral traditions. China’s civilization has a lot to do with the dynasties founded in china. These dynasties may have done either good or bad for china’s culture. China has a many dynasties but some more important than the others. All the dynasties contribute to China’s civilization in their own way. Just to name a few, Han, Qin, Zhou, and Shang. The Shang dynasty is known to be one of the first historic dynasties and has brought many attributes to china’s civilization. The Shang dynasty was created in city of An-Yang. An-Yang is a city that is known to be the heart of China’s beginning. It was one of the cities that were centered on everything. Sure the Shang dynasty wasn’t the only dynasties that played a role in China’s civilization, but it was the dynasty that got the most credit for it. It granted china with great
opportunities to improve their civilization; whether it was the inventions or writing, development of a stratified government or bronze weapons in warfare.

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Chinese handwriting is one like no other. It’s not as simple as our alphabetic systems that only consist of 26 letters. It’s far more complex than that, it is developed into thousands of different signs and symbols. They have created their very own form of writing that also has its own meaning. It’s mostly admired for its beauty from outsiders, little to they do they the true meaning they acquire. There is more than one style of writing in China so it’s hard to narrow it down. They are all basically the same but some symbols in one style may have a different meaning or look than some in another.

Ancient China’s government was organized through the Shang dynasty. Because of China’s large population their government is broken into smaller government system, each of them focusing on their own specific aspect. Because the Shang has a lot to do with the government, they basically regulate everything, who comes in and out of the territory and who lives there. A lot of different families in China own land. Most of the time it was given to them by the Emperor but also at the same time many paid for it. Even those who were classified as nobles were given a chance to own their own land, and they would split it amongst their family members.
Ancient China was known to be very focused in the area of the warring stage. The Shang dynasty is what really helped to improve their military. Providing them with new equipment that was given out to those who were in the army, but only to who they felt could handle it. Meaning if you were in the army of ancient China and you didn’t portray having enough power, you would be one without the equipment. “An important event during the Shang dynasty was the begging of the use of bronze for metal work. Bronze vessels were inscribed with dates. The Shang people became very highly skilled with bronze and use it in war, decoration jewelry and almost all parts of their daily lives.”

All in all, there were a lot of more ways in which ancient China’s civilization was influenced but the three stated above were ways in which the Shang dynasty contributed too.
Shang dynasty was said to be from the city of An-yang. The An-yang was rediscovered in the 20th century and last for about 5000 years. An-yang plays a huge role in society, in this society there are known to be human societies.

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Being around for a very long time the Shang dynasty ruled mostly in the Northern area of central china. There rulings focusing on agriculture and hunting. They had a distinguished form of communication where they used tortoise shells. The source mentioned helpful information on the bronze metal work which worked helped to influence china’s civilization.

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China being such a large country there are high expectations of finding diverse cultures. Many of these cultures acquire their own history and culture. So this leaves many questions as to where and when did china really originate and whether or not all the people were Chinese.

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Chinese dynasty plays a huge rule when it comes to the traditional aspect. The Shang dynasty being the most dynasties were followed by a line of emperors it usually was by family. The next one in line to be emperor was the oldest son and if it wasn’t him then what meant that the line was broken by an invader.

In this reading the authors explain the significance of China’s morals and virtues. They did this by comparing it to early Indian traditions that didn’t have records of historical events like china did. Stated in the early historic records were founding fathers and emperors. Also records of China’s dynasties, the Shang dynasty being of the first and most important.

The Shang dynasty is the second largest dynasty out of the three dynasties during that period. There are a lot of questions inquiring whether the Shang dynasty really contributed to China’s civilization or not. It was said that Shang’s contribution had to with the invention of writing, advancement of technology, development of a stratified government, and use of chariot and bronze weapons in warfare.