



Oracle bones



Cowrie shells



A bronze vase

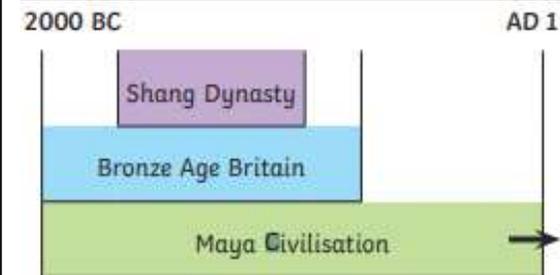
### Vocabulary

oracle bones	Bones that are dug up centuries later by farmers, thought to be dragon bones so were ground up to be used in traditional Chinese medicine.
Fu Hao	A high priestess who was the first known female military leader, responsible for leading 13,000 soldiers into battle.
jade	A hard mineral stone, usually green.
bronze	A metal made from a mixture of copper and tin.
cowrie shells	Small, flat, yellowish seashells, used like coins in trading.



### Key Events

1600 BC	The Shang dynasty is founded when Cheng Tang overthrow the Xia Dynasty.
1400-1200 BC	The earliest found examples of Chinese writing are dated to this period.
1250 BC	King Wu Ding begins his reign
1200 BC	Fu Hao, one of the wives of King Wu Ding, dies. Her tomb is the only intact tomb found to date.
1075 BC	The last Shang king, Di Xin, begins his reign
1046 BC	The Shang dynasty is overthrown and replaced by the Zhou dynasty.



Timeline

## The Shang Dynasty

