

Reteaching Activity

Finding Main Ideas

The following questions deal with life in ancient China. Answer them in the space provided.

- How did China's geographic features help to keep it isolated from peoples in the lands around it?

- What river system runs through China, and how did it contribute to farming?

- Describe the dynastic cycle in China.

READING COMPREHENSION

Find the name or term that best matches the description. Then write the letter of your answer in the blank. Note: Some items may require two answers.

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| _____ 4. the two deserts that frame part of China | a. oracle bones |
| _____ 5. animal bones or turtle shells that Shang priests used to communicate with the gods | b. dynastic cycle |
| _____ 6. a writing system that uses drawings or characters to represent words or ideas | c. Time of the Warring States |
| _____ 7. the rise and fall of ruling families in China | d. Gobi |
| _____ 8. the approval of the gods, which was believed to have been taken away when natural disasters like floods occurred | e. Mandate of Heaven |
| _____ 9. period in Chinese history (beginning around 403 B.C.) in which the lack of a strong central government led the lords, or local rulers, to constantly fight among themselves | f. pictographs |
| | g. Taklimakan |