

Aim: What were the achievements of the Ancient Zhou Dynasty?

#### I. The Zhou Dynasty

- 1027 Zhou overthrow the Shang led by King Wu Wang

#### II. The Mandate of Heaven

- The Zhou invented the Mandate of Heaven
- It justified a dynastic cycle
  - a. The Dynastic Cycle
    - a. A new ruler founds a new dynasty
    - b. gains the Mandate of Heaven
    - c. China achieves prosperity
    - d. Corruption appears and the empire begins to decline
    - e. A natural disaster occurs and the dynasty loses the Mandate of Heaven
    - f. China goes through a period chaos
    - g. One state emerges victorious and starts a new empire.
    - h. Repeat the cycle again

#### III. ZHOU FEUDALISM

- Granted land to nobles in exchange for military protection
- Lords gained too much power, and created separate kingdoms

#### IV. Culture

- Great economy/trade
- Used coins on strings
- Silk making
- Book making
- Ironworking

#### V. Decline

- Zhou enters into a period of “warring states” 475-221
- There is chaos, feudal fighting between lords, power struggles
- Confucius is born during this period