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Answer the following questions in your WHJ

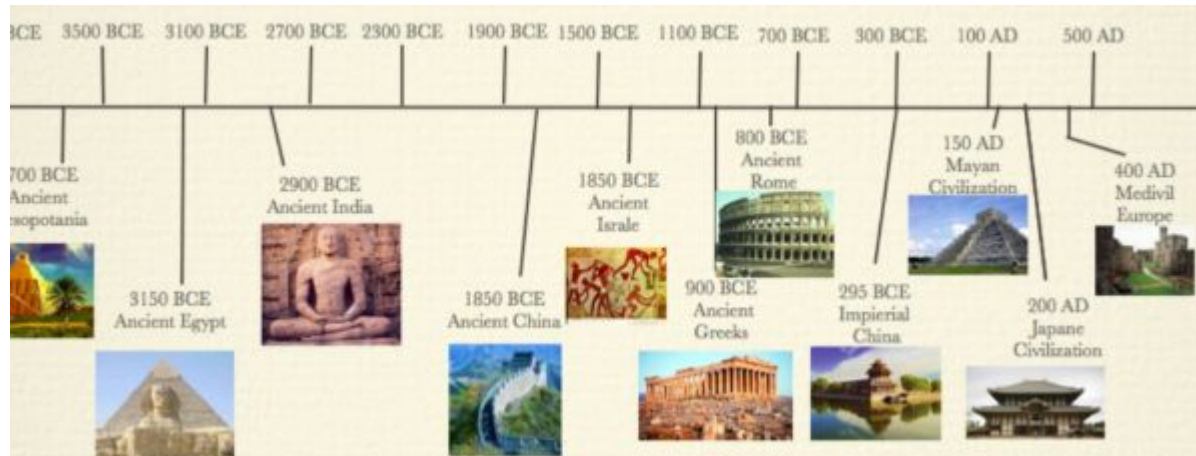
1. What river valley civilization is this?
2. What are some of its characteristics?
3. Why do historians know very little about this one compared to others?
4. How many hairs are in a bunny rabbits tail?

SCHEDULE

- **Objective: I can describe the legacy of Ancient China**
- **Ancient China Notes**
- **CC- Ancient China**
- **Everything to know about Ancient China reading**

Timeline of Ancient Egypt

- Follow the directions to create a timeline of Ancient Egypt
- We will set up our timelines together





ANCIENT CHINA AND THE YELLOW RIVER VALLEY

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GEOGRAPHY

- Civilization grew along the Huang He River
 - also known as the Yellow River
- Fine soil called loess gives the river a yellow color
- Loess would settle in the river and cause the water levels to rise, leading to frequent flooding

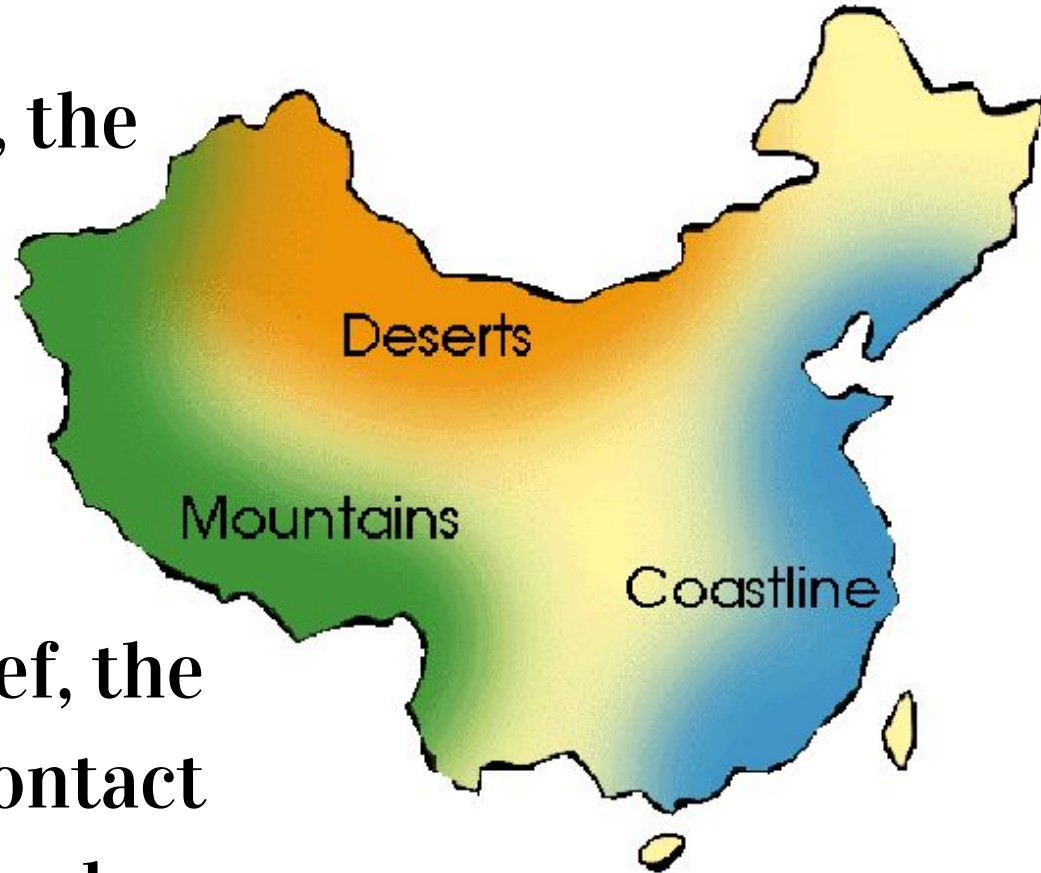


THE HUANG HE RIVER



GEOGRAPHY

- China is isolated by natural barriers
 - Mountains, deserts, the ocean
- This led to the belief that China was the center of the Earth
 - Because of this belief, the Chinese had little contact with traders and invaders





**WHY IS THE HUANG HE RIVER
ALSO CALLED THE YELLOW
RIVER?**

- Last from about 1650 – 1027 BC
- Periods of rule were called Dynasties
- These dynasties were ruled by families
- The kings ruled a small area of land, while loyal family clans held the rest

SHANG CHINA



RELIGION

- By Shang times, the Chinese had developed complex religious beliefs, many of which continued to be practiced for thousands of years.
- Shang Di was the supreme God
- The king was seen as the link between the people and Shang Di.



RELIGION

- Gods would not respond to mere mortals
- Ancestor worship involved rituals and sacrifices to speak to the Gods



WRITING

- Chinese writing had over 10,000 pictograph & ideograph characters
- This then developed into calligraphy
- A single writing system helped unite China



Oldest examples found on oracle bones

SOCIAL STRUCTURE



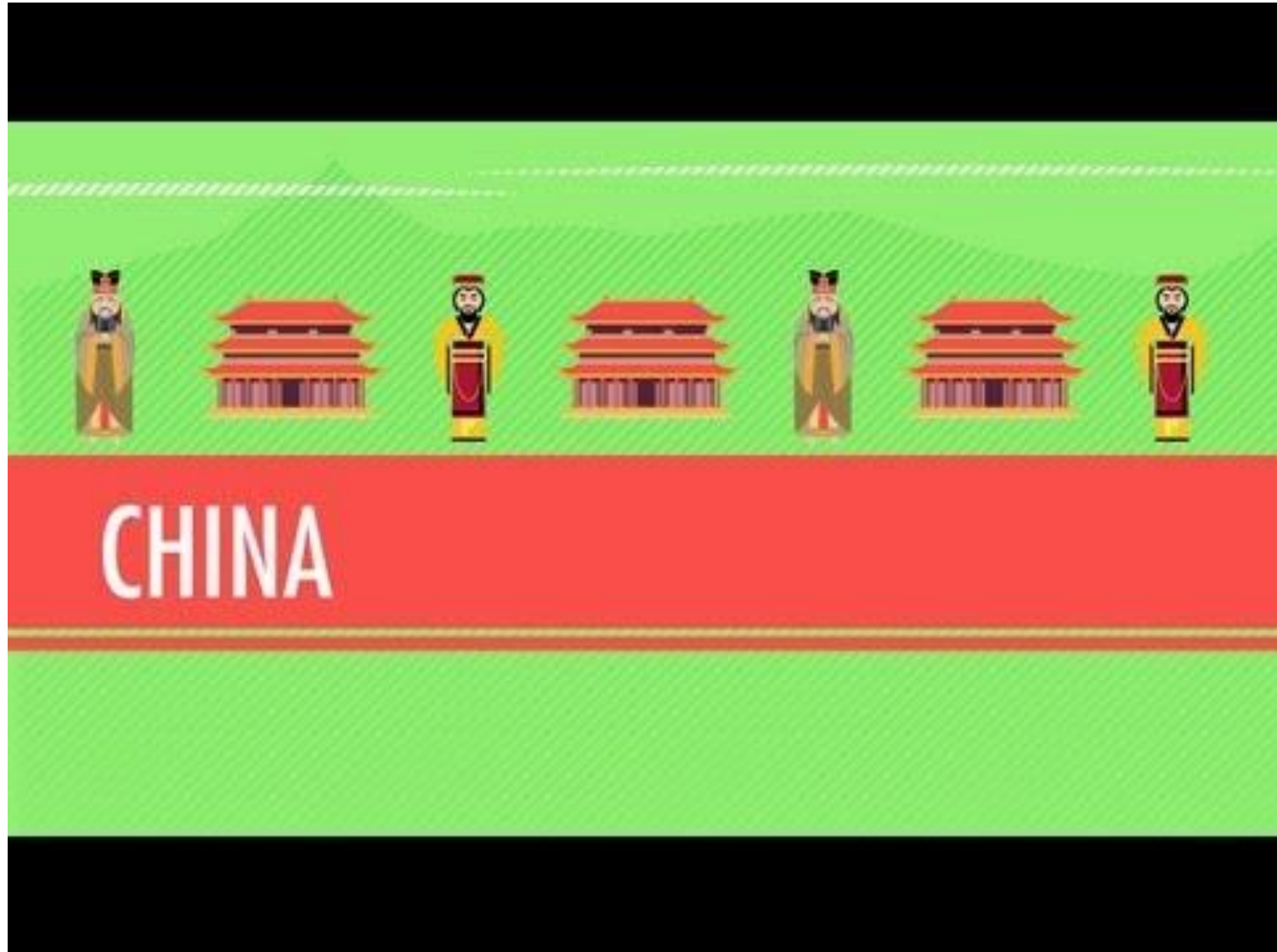
- The royal family & the nobles controlled society
- Artisans and merchants represent the middle class
- Most of the population are peasant farmers

ECONOMY

- Primary form of money was copper coins
- Trade routes began expanding
- The Chinese developed silk thread from the cocoons of silkworms
- Silk becomes one of China's most valuable exports



Crash course china



Everything to know about Ancient China

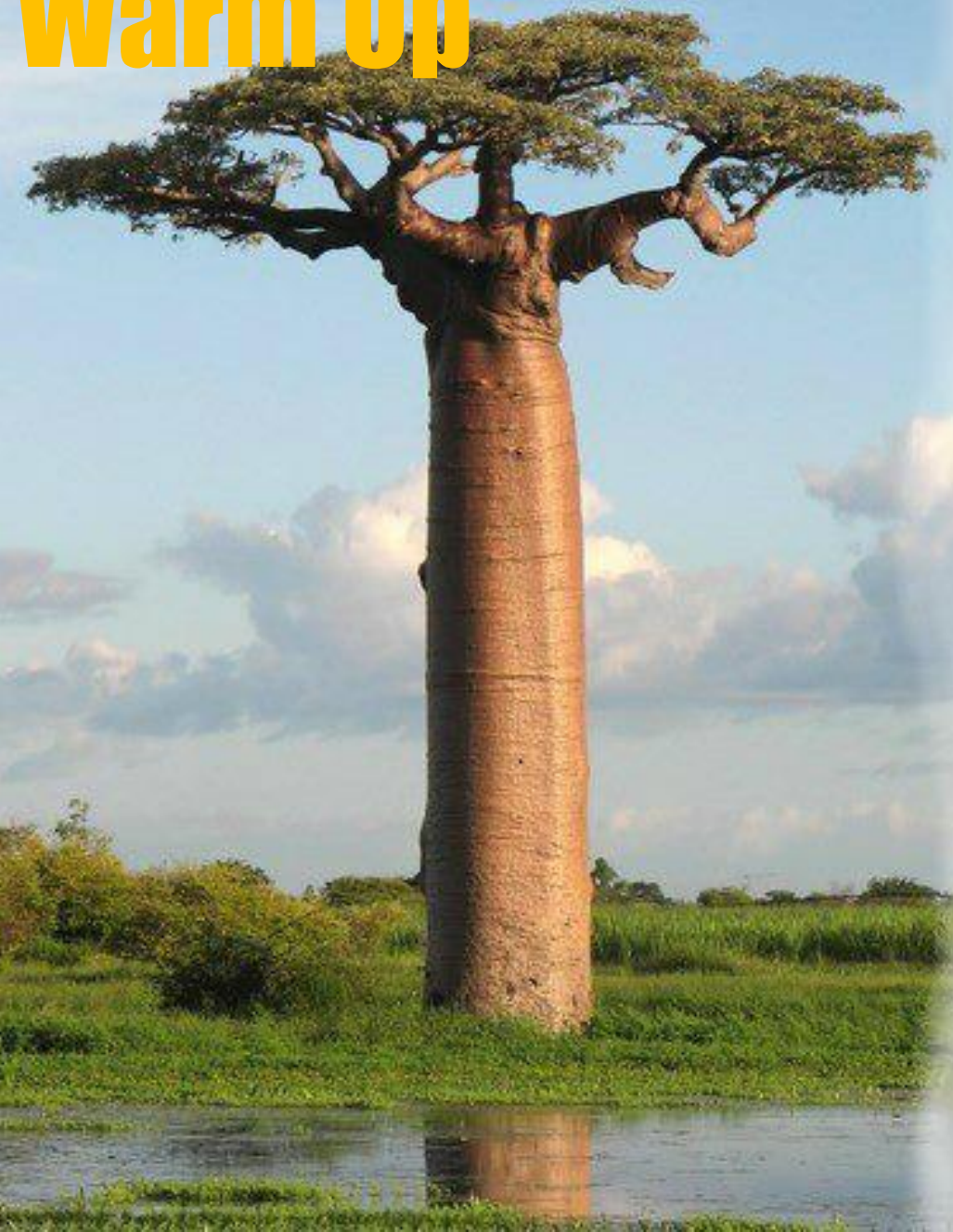
- Begin working on the “**Everything to Know About Ancient China**” reading
- Be an active reader - Annotate the text!
- Turn in when finished and work on any unfinished work



Map of Ancient China

- Use your chromebook and the textbook to complete the map of Ancient China
- Use supplies to draw the rivers in blue and color each Dynasty a different color (they may overlap)
- When finished, work on any unfinished work

Warm Up



- 1. How did Africa's natural resources contribute to its empire's wealth?**
- 2. What trade routes developed?**