

# Zhou Dynasty

Eventually the \_\_\_\_\_ dynasty was overthrown by the \_\_\_\_\_ family. They believed they had a right to rule according to the \_\_\_\_\_. They believed if they ruled well over the land, they earned the support of \_\_\_\_\_. Under the Zhou dynasty, China was ruled by a system called \_\_\_\_\_. Under this system, \_\_\_\_\_ owned the land which was worked on by the \_\_\_\_\_ and peasants. They would pay the \_\_\_\_\_ a portion of what the peasants \_\_\_\_\_ and keep the rest for themselves. Farmers did not \_\_\_\_\_ their farms. Land was broken up into small \_\_\_\_\_. Each plot of land was owned by a \_\_\_\_\_. Nobles might own many \_\_\_\_\_, but each plot was a \_\_\_\_\_ unit that consisted of a walled \_\_\_\_\_ and the farmland \_\_\_\_\_ it. In exchange for working all the time, the peasants got to \_\_\_\_\_ some of the food they produced. If they were caught hoarding \_\_\_\_\_ food to feed their families, they were \_\_\_\_\_. Over \_\_\_\_\_ feudal states with their own government existed during this time. Trade and \_\_\_\_\_ occurred often between the states and a need for \_\_\_\_\_ people arose. \_\_\_\_\_ became more common and \_\_\_\_\_. Because of the geographical features of \_\_\_\_\_, many villages were \_\_\_\_\_ from each other. As a result of this isolation,

different \_\_\_\_\_ came to be spoken. People \_\_\_\_\_ their own dialect and could not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of someone from another \_\_\_\_\_. However, the Zhou developed a writing \_\_\_\_\_ that used pictures or \_\_\_\_\_ to stand for whole \_\_\_\_\_. That way, no matter how a word was \_\_\_\_\_ in different parts of \_\_\_\_\_, it could be understood everywhere. Standardizing \_\_\_\_\_ was huge. Writing helped \_\_\_\_\_ the barriers created by China's \_\_\_\_\_. It helped to \_\_\_\_\_ the people and spread China's \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the \_\_\_\_\_.