

## Station 1

Artifact #1



Artifact #2



Hypothesis: How did the Shang rulers maintained their powers for over 500 years?

Hint--

Both of these artifacts were found in a king's burial tomb.

## Station 2

Artifact 1



Artifact 2



**Hypothesis: What were the social classes in the Shang Dynasty?**

Hints--

- Artifact 1 is a Shang jade disk given to nobles for their service to the king.
- Artifact 2 are cowrie shells, a seashell from a distant region, used as money.
- The Shang social classes were similar to other social classes we've discussed.



### Station 3

Artifact 1



Artifact 2



**Hypothesis: What were some early Chinese beliefs about the Afterlife?**

**Hint--**

Artifact 2 was found in a king's burial tomb. The person is believed to have been a slave.

#### Station 4

Artifact 1



Artifact 2



**Hypothesis: How were people fed during the Shang Dynasty?**

**Hint--**

Artifact 1 is a stone sculpture of an ox.

## Station 5

Artifact 1



Artifact 2



Hypothesis: Why would Shang artisans create elaborate pieces of art?

Hint--

Why is art important today?

## Station 6

Artifact 1



Artifact 2



Hypothesis: Why is it important that archaeologists have discovered so many different types of weapons that date back to the Shang Dynasty?



## Station 7

Artifact 1



Artifact 2



Hypothesis: Why is Shang writing so important to historians?