

Gods and Kings

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Shang Religion

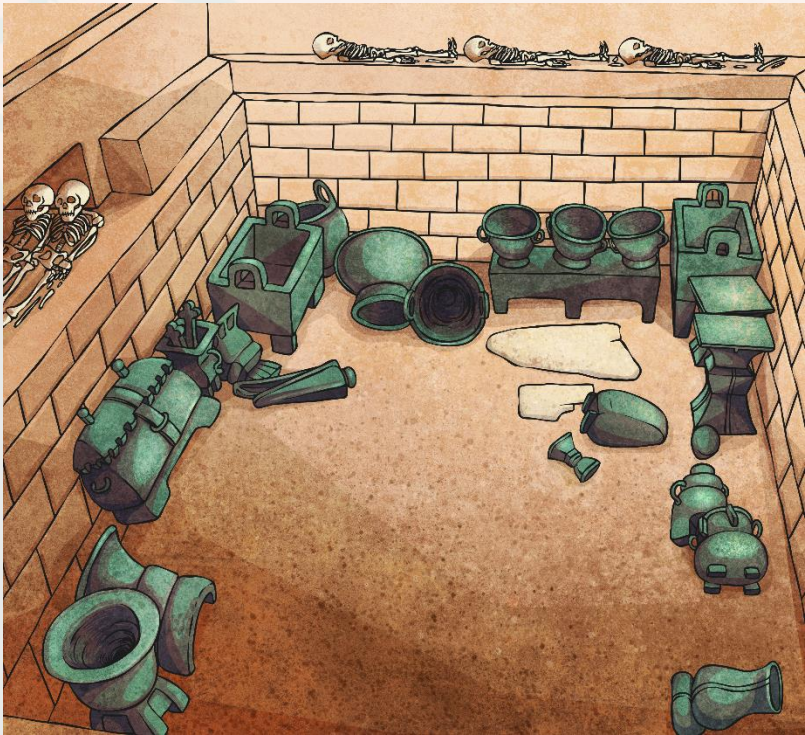


1. How do you think we know about the religious beliefs of the Shang dynasty?
2. Where do you think our information comes from?
3. How accurate do you think the information is?



Finding Evidence

Look at these pictures and the objects in them. What are they? These two sources of evidence have helped to teach us a lot about Shang religion. What do you think they have taught us?

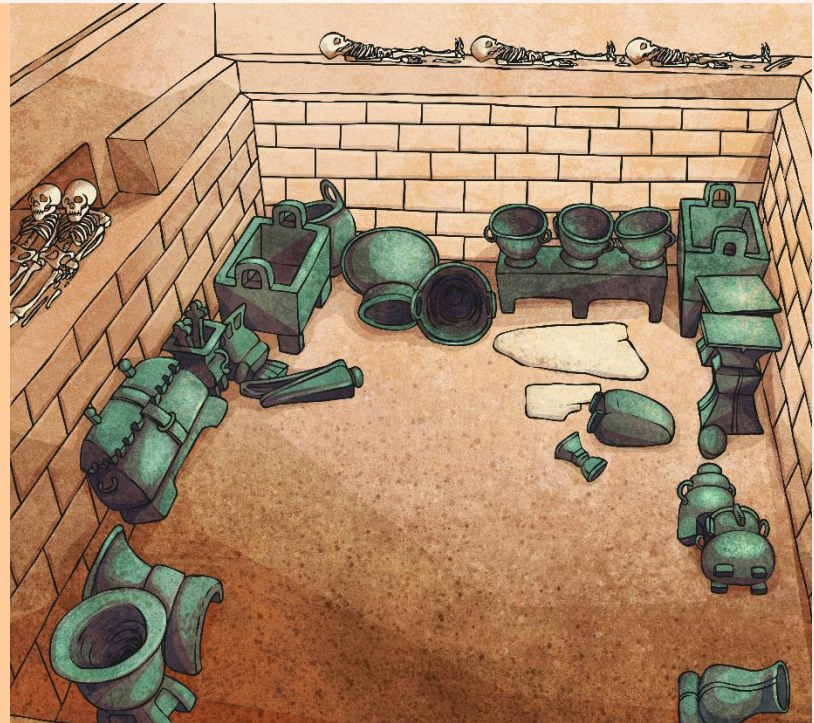


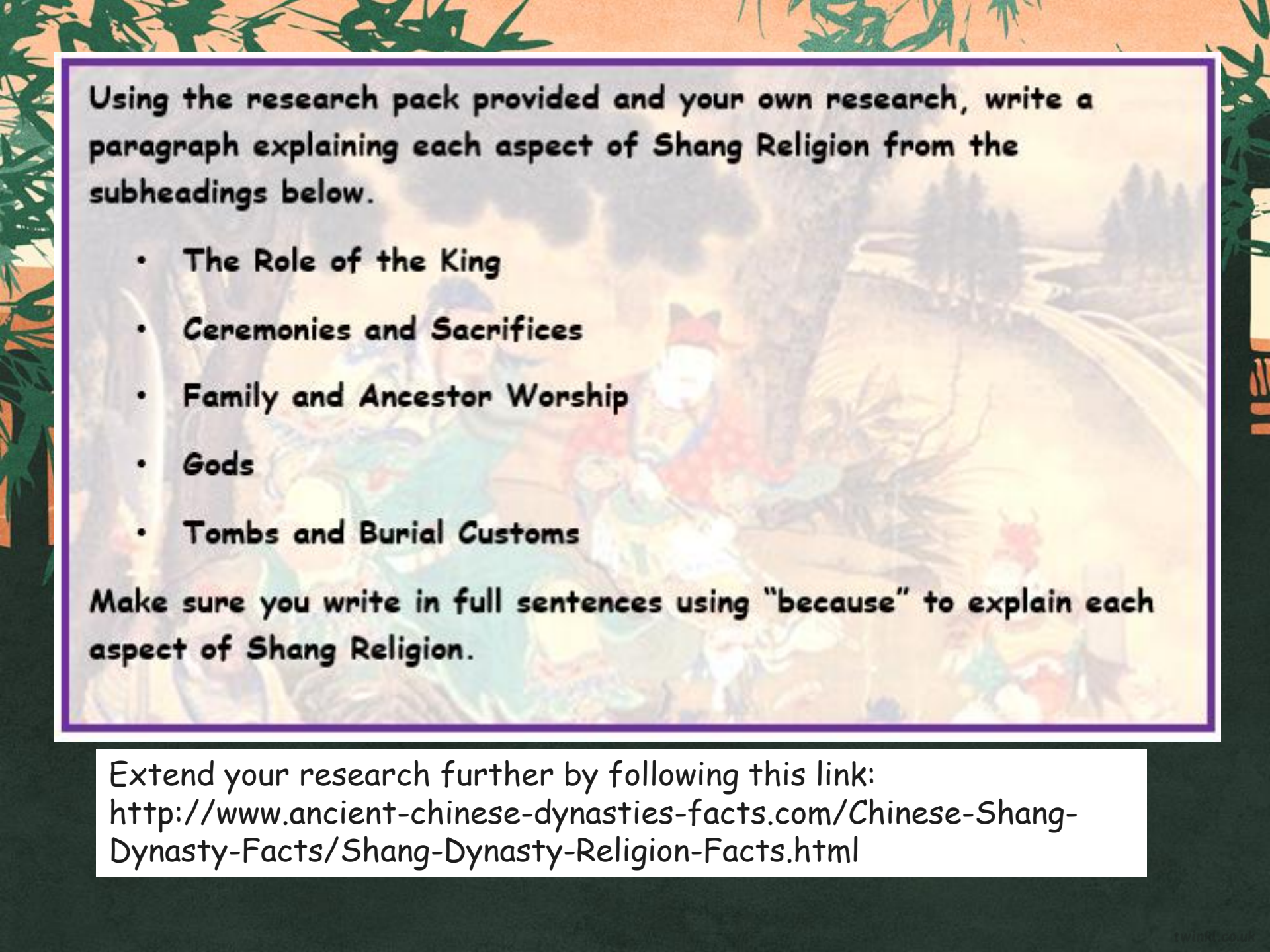
Finding Evidence

Tombs and Bones

The excavation of Shang tombs and the study of oracle bones have provided us with detailed information about Shang religion.

Looking carefully at the organisation and layout of Shang tombs and examining the objects found in them has helped us to understand a lot about the Shang views on life, death and the afterlife. Furthermore, the inscriptions on oracle bones provide written evidence describing their customs, practices and beliefs.





Using the research pack provided and your own research, write a paragraph explaining each aspect of Shang Religion from the subheadings below.

- The Role of the King
- Ceremonies and Sacrifices
- Family and Ancestor Worship
- Gods
- Tombs and Burial Customs

Make sure you write in full sentences using "because" to explain each aspect of Shang Religion.

Extend your research further by following this link:
<http://www.ancient-chinese-dynasties-facts.com/Chinese-Shang-Dynasty-Facts/Shang-Dynasty-Religion-Facts.html>