**ANCIENT CHINA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE TEST**

**MAJOR RIVERS**

HUANG HE

CHANG JIANG (YANGTZE)

**MOUNTAINS**

HIMALAYAS

TIAN SHAN

KUNLUN SHAN

**DESERT**

GOBI

**ONLY 1/10 OF CHINA’S LAND IS FARMABLE**

**CHINA’S FIRST RULERS WERE PROBABLY A PART OF THE XIA DYNASTY.**

**THE NEXT DYNASTY TO RULE WAS THE SHANG DYNASTY (1750 BC-1045 BC)**

**People of the Shang dynasty worshipped gods and spirits believing them to live in mountains, rivers, and seas.**

**ZHOU DYNASTY (1045 BC): Wu Wang rebelled against the Shang dynasty in 1045 BC and named his new dynasty the Zhou dynasty.**

**MANDATE OF HEAVEN: a heavenly law giving Zhou kings the power to rule due to their talent and virtue.**

**QIN DYNASTY: 221 BC**

**a Qin ruler ignored the Zhou kings and took over the neighboring city-states. His name was Qin Shihuangdi. He united China. He is best known for his role in the early development of the Great Wall of China.**