



**CHINA OVERVIEW:  
A BRIEF HISTORY  
OF CHINESE  
DYNASTIES**

# ANCIENT HISTORY

- By 4000 BC
  - Village settlements along Hwang ho River
  - Farming, stone tools, weapons (bow and arrow), animal domestication, pottery
- Picture writing (oldest writing in existence)
  - Now there's about 40,000 characters



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# DYNASTIES

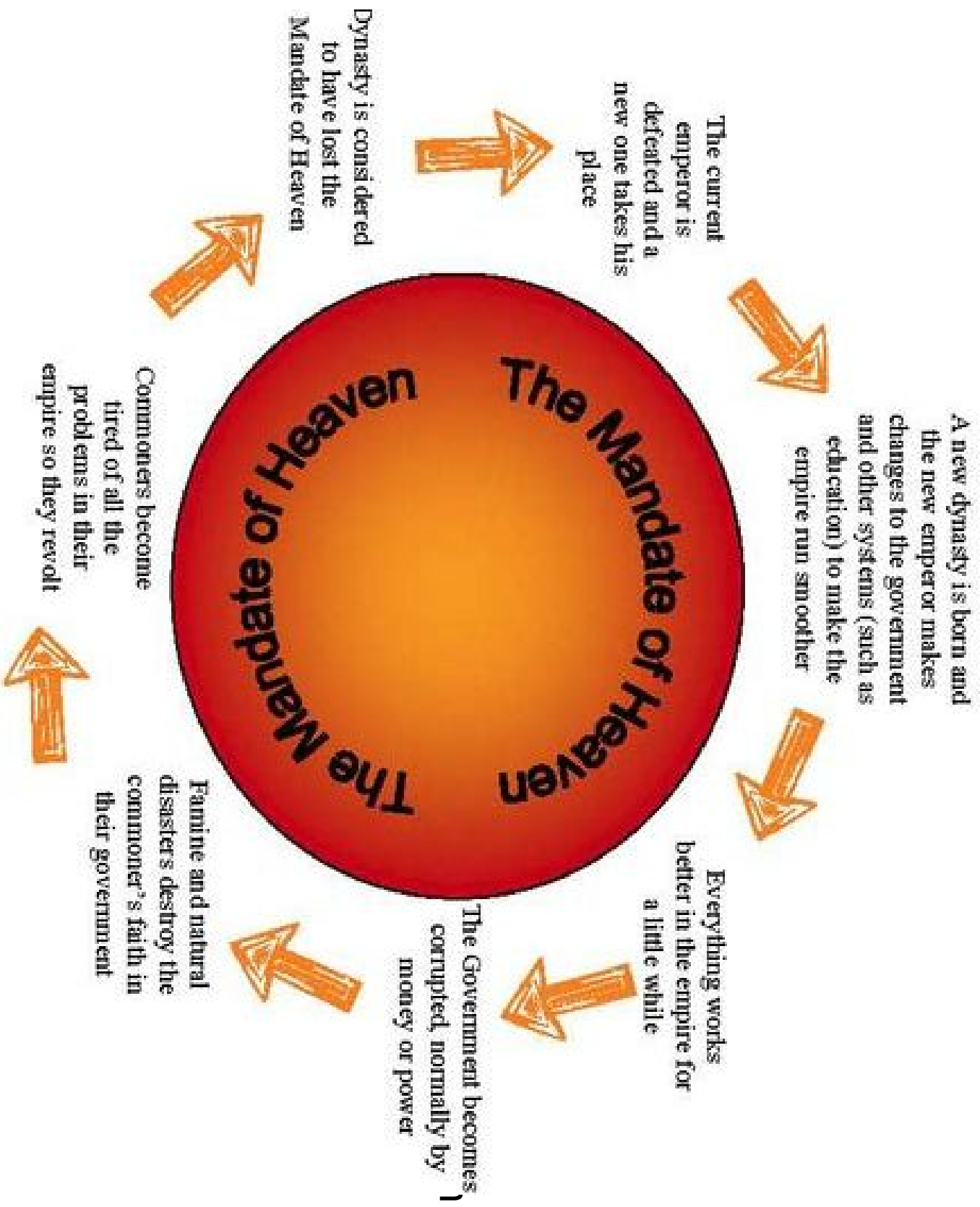
## DYNASTY

- A series of rulers from the same family.
- Historically, royal rule was descended from father to son.

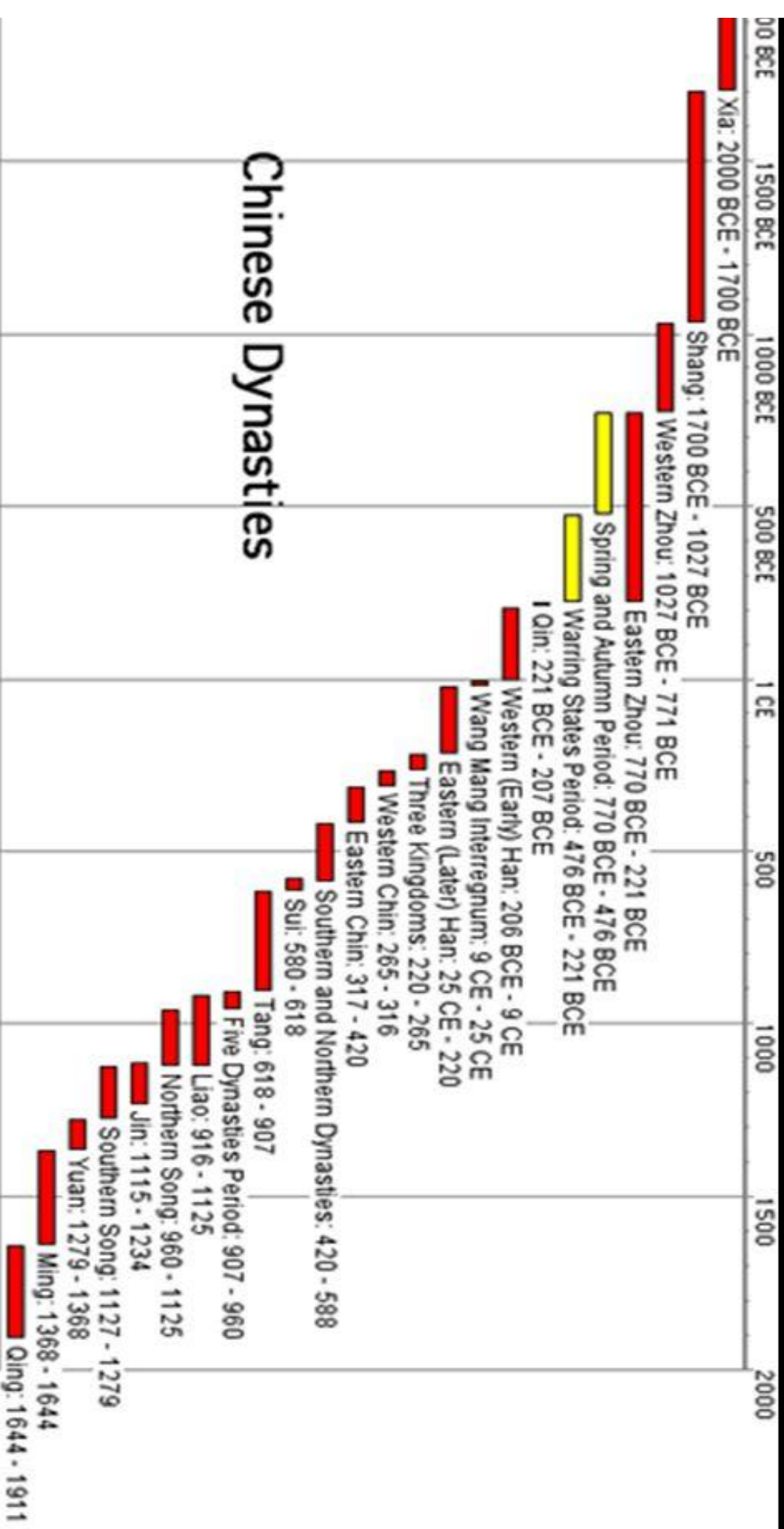
## **MANDATE OF HEAVEN** – Described by philosopher **Mencius**

- Belief that the emperor was chosen by heaven to rule.





# Chinese Dynasties



## Chinese Dynasties

## SILK ROAD

- China to Eastern Europe
- Followed northern borders of China, India, and Persia and ended in Eastern Europe near today's Turkey and the Mediterranean Sea.



# Timeline of Chinese Dynasties

## Dynasties of China

Dynasty	Dates
Shang	1766 B.C.—1122 B.C.
Zhou	1122 B.C.—256 B.C.
Qin	221 B.C.—206 B.C.
<b>Han</b>	<b>202 B.C.—A.D. 220</b>
<b>Sui</b>	<b>A.D. 581—A.D. 618</b>
Tang	A.D. 618—A.D. 907
Song	A.D. 960—A.D. 1279
Ming	A.D. 1368—A.D. 1644
Qing	A.D. 1644—A.D. 1911