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Unit 1: Beginnings of Civilization: Early River Valley Civilizations Terms and Names

River Dynasties in China

Terms and Names

loess Fertile soil

oracle bone Animal bone used by ancient Chinese priests to communicate with the gods

Mandate of Heaven Divine approval of the ruler

dynastic cycle Pattern of rise, fall, and replacement of dynasties

feudalism Political system in which nobles or lords are granted the use of lands that belong to the king