**Name** (A/B): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Due**: 2/24/16

**River Dynasties in China**

**Reading Guide**

1. When did **Chinese civilization** first emerge?
2. How is Chinese civilization **unique** from the other ancient river civilizations?
3. What are the **geographic barriers** that China has?
4. What **rivers** flow through China? What is **Loess**?
5. What **environmental challenges** has China faced?
6. How much of China’s land is **arable**?
7. Where is **China’s “heartland**”?
8. Who was **Yu?** What did he do?
9. **3 facts about the Shang** Dynasty:
10. How did the **Chinese see themselves and others**?
11. Describe Chinese:
    1. **Families**
    2. **Social Structure**
    3. **Religion**
12. What are **Oracle Bones**?
13. How is the **written language of Chinese unique**?
14. Why was the **rise of the Zhou dynasty** not a real revolution (with major cultural changes)?
15. How did the **Zhou justify taking power** from the Shang?
16. What is the **Mandate of Heaven**?
17. What is the **Dynastic Cycle**?
18. What is **Feudalism**?
19. What is the “**Period of Warring States**”?











