



DO YOU ALREADY KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT THE  
SHANG DYNASTY?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxjP0CymIjc>

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# WHY DO YOU THINK THE SHANG DYNASTY LASTED FOR SO LONG?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z39j2hv/articles/z98w4qt>

# WAR IN THE SHANG DYNASTY

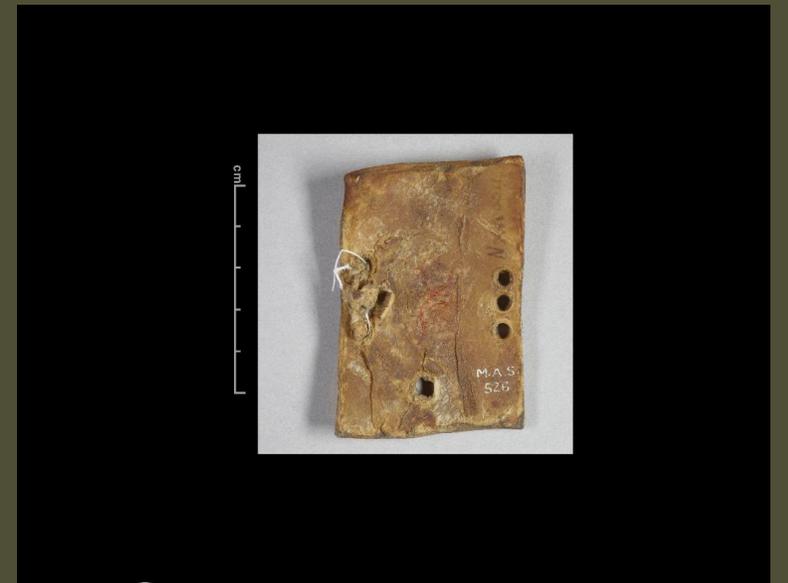
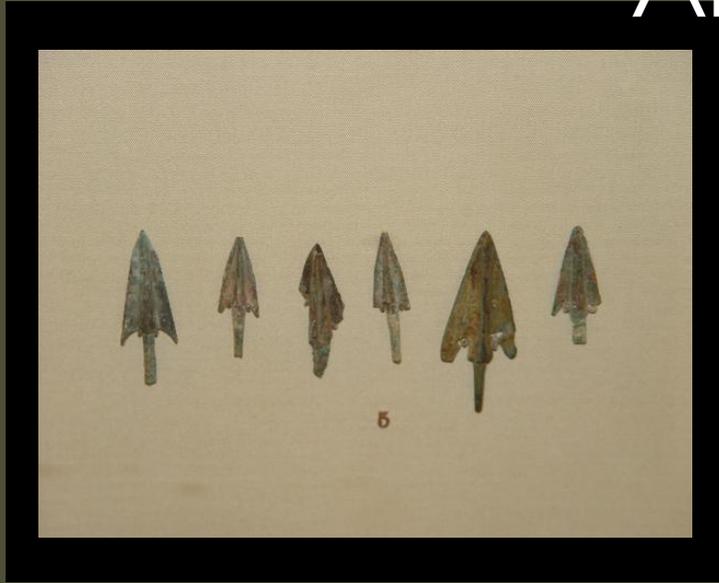
The king would keep an army of about 1000 people in the capital, ready for war. However, anyone could be called up to battle. In villages, the rich would be expected to provide weapons and armor for the poor.

The king would personally lead the army into battle.

The strength and size of a king's army was a very important indicator of the power and might of a dynasty. Their armies could be made up of between 3,000 to 5,000 troops. For the largest battles, the numbers could reach up to 13,000! The Shang had great, powerful armies that enabled them to rule for over 500 years through 17 kings.

There were almost no rules in battle in the Shang Dynasty and there was limited medical treatment. This meant many people were seriously injured or killed.

# Artefacts from Battle



What do you think they are?



# FOOT SOLDIERS

- ▶ They wore bronze and leather armour and used bronze and stone tools.
- ▶ They made up most of the army and were often poor villagers.
- ▶ They used daggers, spears, and Ge, a long stick with a bronze spear on the end.
- ▶ They stood in front of the archers to protect them.



# ARCHERS

- ▶ They were an important part of the army as they could attack their enemies from a large distance.
- ▶ They fought with a bow and arrow.
- ▶ They wore bronze and leather armour, including helmets.



## WAR CHARIOTS

- ▶ They were the most advanced and the deadliest members of the army.
- ▶ They were very fast and powerful.
- ▶ They had a driver to steer, and archer and a foot soldier to attack at close range.