Ancient China

Lesson 19  Geography and the Early Settlement of China
Lesson 20  The Shang Dynasty
Lesson 21  Three Chinese Philosophies
Lesson 22  The First Emperor of China
Lesson 23  The Han Dynasty
Lesson 24  The Silk Road
To complete each Geography Challenge card, answer the questions in complete sentences. Label the map on the opposite page as directed.

Question 1

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 2

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 3

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 4

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 5

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 6

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 7

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Question 8

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Extent of Shang dynasty, about 1122 B.C.E.
Extent of Zhou dynasty, about 800 B.C.E.
Extent of Qin dynasty, about 221 B.C.E.
Extent of Han dynasty, about 80 B.C.E.
Answer the questions below about the geography of your community.

**Land Features**

1. Circle the physical features that are found in your community.

   - bay
   - creek
   - desert
   - hills
   - lake
   - mountains
   - ocean
   - plains
   - plateau
   - river
   - valley
   - coastal plain

2. Land features influence a community. For example, if a community is found near the ocean, a major industry in the community might be fishing. How do land features influence your community?

**Climate**

1. Circle the words that describe your community’s climate.

   - Summer temperature: hot, mild, cold
   - Winter temperature: hot, mild, cold
   - Precipitation (rain and snow): light, moderate, heavy

2. Climate influences a community. For example, if a community has hot summers, houses often have air-conditioning. How does climate influence your community?

**Vegetation**

1. What natural vegetation do you have in your community? For example, does your community have grasslands, forests, scrub vegetation, or no vegetation?

2. Vegetation influences a community. For example, a community with forests may have a lumber industry. How does the natural vegetation influence your community?
Part 1: Read the hypothesis. Using only your poster with the relief map, give four reasons that support this hypothesis. (Hint: Include reasons why some other regions would not be good for settlement.)

_Hypothesis 1:_ Most early people settled on the North China Plain because of its geography.

These four reasons support this hypothesis:
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

Part 2
1. Read Section 19.8. Add any additional information that shows that most early people settled on the North China Plain because of its geography.

2. On the map, draw in and label the Huang He. Color the North China Plain the color of the soil found there.
Part 1: Read the hypothesis. Using only your poster with the relief map, give two reasons that support this hypothesis.

Hypothesis 2: China was isolated from other civilizations because of its geography.

These two reasons support this hypothesis:
1. 
2. 

Part 2
1. Read Section 19.9. Add any additional information that shows China was isolated from other civilizations because of its geography.

2. On the map, color the areas that caused China to be isolated from other civilizations.
Part 1: Read the hypothesis. Using only your poster with the relief map, give five reasons that support this hypothesis. (Hint: Think about physical features, climate, and vegetation in each geographic region. What differences might result in how people lived, what they ate, or what kinds of shelter they used?)

Hypothesis 3: Because of geography, several ways of life developed in China.

These five reasons support this hypothesis:
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5.

Part 2
1. Read Section 19.10. Add any additional information that shows that several ways of life developed in China because of geography.

2. In each box, draw one type of food, shelter, or activity (such as farming or herding animals) that might be found in that geographic region.
The Chinese often drew pictures of the landscape on scrolls. Choose two of China’s geographic regions, and illustrate the geography and way of life in each region. Your scroll might show these things:

- physical features (such as mountains and rivers), climate, and vegetation
- clothing, food, or shelter of people living in that region

Use at least four colors. Below your scroll, write a paragraph that compares and contrasts the two regions.