





Ancient China, 2000–200 B.C.

The Huang He, or Yellow River, is named for the color of its silt. This silt nurtured early development of Chinese civilization and is still a vital resource today.

	Extent of Shang Dynasty (Approximate)
	Extent of Zhou Dynasty (Approximate)
	Border of modern China



Yellow silt gives the Huang He a distinctive color.

GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER: Interpreting Maps

- 1. Location** Describe the location of the Huang He and Chang Jiang in terms of where they begin and end.
- 2. Region** What area did the Shang and Zhou dynasties control?

South China Sea

East Asia

