

Ancient China

Vocabulary

1. **Analects**—the collected sayings and teachings of Confucius
2. **Bronze Age**—(3300–1200 B.C.) time when people made weapons and tools from bronze
3. **calligraphy**—artistic form of ancient Chinese writing
4. **Confucius**—influential ancient Chinese teacher and philosopher
5. **dynasty**—a ruling family
6. **Great Wall**—military fortification built to stop other people from invading China
7. **Huang River Valley**—area surrounding the Huang River in China
8. **jade**—hard, green-colored stone used in carving
9. **landscape**—a painting of a natural scene
10. **loess**—yellowish soil from the Gobi Desert
11. **oracle bones**—animal bones used for predicting the future
12. **pictograph**—a picture that stands for a word
13. **Shang Dynasty**—first dynasty in China
14. **Taoism**—ancient Chinese philosophy
15. **Terracotta Army**—collection of seven thousand life-sized sculptures made from pottery in the tomb of Shi Huangdi
16. **wattle and daub**—building technique using wood and soil utilized by the ancient Chinese
17. **Zhou Dynasty**—(1046–256 B.C.) China's longest dynasty