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Guided Reading Activities

Signal Words	How to answer
If the question asks...	Your answer must include...
Is/are	A "yes" or a "no"
Who	Information about a person or group
Do/does	A "yes" or a "no"
What	An action or name of a thing
When	A specific time, date, or event
Why	A reason or explanation
Where	A general location or specific place
How	The way something is done

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Guided Reading Activity

After reading Chapter 5, you should be able to relate the contributions of the Harappan civilization and of the Shang dynasty and explain why they declined.

1. Why do we know so little about eastern river valley civilizations? ¹

2. How did the Indus River control the lives of the Harappan people? ²

3. Describe the planned communities of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro. ²

4. List three theories about the decline of the Harappans. ³

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Guided Reading Activities (continued)

5. What evidence of the Harappan civilization has been discovered? ⁴

6. Why do we rely on legends to tell us about the early civilization of the Huang Ho valley? ¹

7. Describe a city of the Shang dynasty. ²

8. Why did the Shang respect their ancestors and how did they demonstrate this respect? ²

9. What contributed to the decline of the Shang? ¹

10. What were some of the gifts left to the world by the Shang dynasty? ²
