

Let's go back to...



China's Geography

- Rivers:

The Yellow & The Yangtze

- Isolated:
 - Himalayas to west
 - Gobi Desert to north
 - East China Sea
 - South China Sea



The Lives of the Ancient Chinese



- The Yellow River leaves behind yellowish soil
 - perfect for growing **millet**.
- Farther south, there is warmer climate near the Yangtze River
 - Perfect for growing **rice**.

China's Religion & Philosophy

- Nature gods and goddesses
- Honored ancestors
- **The Dragon**
 - an all-powerful and kind god who looked out for humans by showering rain on a dry Earth ensuring a good harvest.
 - became a symbol of power.
 - Chinese Emperors embroidered dragons on their silk robes.



Ancient China's Lives Cont.

- Writing known as:

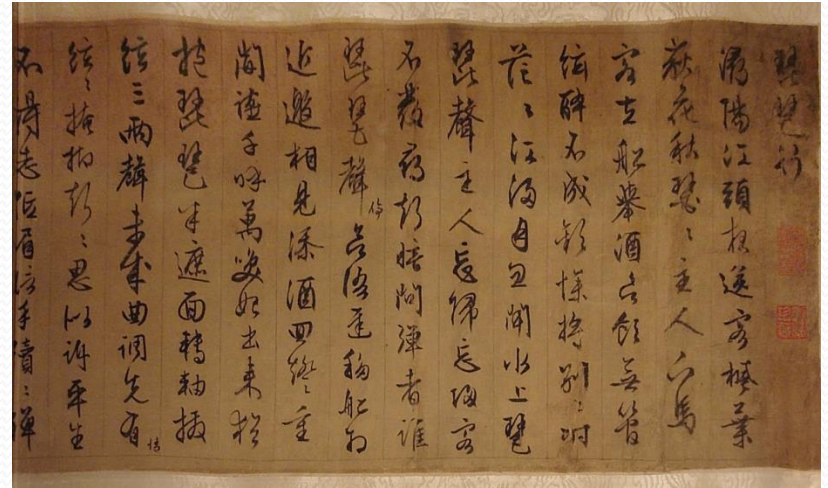
A. Calligraphy

B. Cuneiform

C. Hieroglyphics

D. I'm not sure

- Wrote on bone as part of their religious beliefs.
 - Thought it would predict the future.



China's Technology



- Silk production
 - kept it secret from the rest of the world
 - More valuable than gold at one point.
- Bronze work
- **The Great Wall of China**
 - Built to keep out nomadic invaders from Mongolia.
 - Longest man made structure in the world

China's Government & Law

- Emperors had all the power
- Led by dynasties
 - One family ruling for many years
- During the Han Dynasty, the ideas of the philosopher Confucius helped lead the government.
 - Believes a good model for a government would be to model it after the family.
 - Taught “the Golden Rule”
 - “Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.”



China's Society

- Most people were poor farmers
- Honored ancestors

