

Do some research about the evidence surrounding the kings of the Shang Dynasty, then answer these questions.

How do you think the historians of 200 BC knew about the kings of a dynasty that was in power over a thousand years before?

What could have happened to make the historians of c. 200 BC make mistakes?

In some cases, the oracle bones write about kings from several hundred years before. Do you think they are more accurate than history books?

Which do you think are more reliable - the history books or the oracle bones? Why?