

# Chinese Dynastic Rule

## Dynasty:

- Ruling families.
- Dynastic rule lasted until 1911.

## Mandate of Heaven:

- Chinese belief that heaven (gods) granted an emperor the right to rule.
- People owed loyalty and obedience to the emperor.
- People had the right to expect a good government from the emperor.

## Dynastic Cycle in China:

- See chart page 329 in Green Textbook. Answer questions that follow:

1) What did the new dynasty have to do to claim the Mandate of Heaven?

2) What developments can cause a dynasty to lose the Mandate of Heaven?

3) What are the signs that a dynasty has lost its Mandate of Heaven?