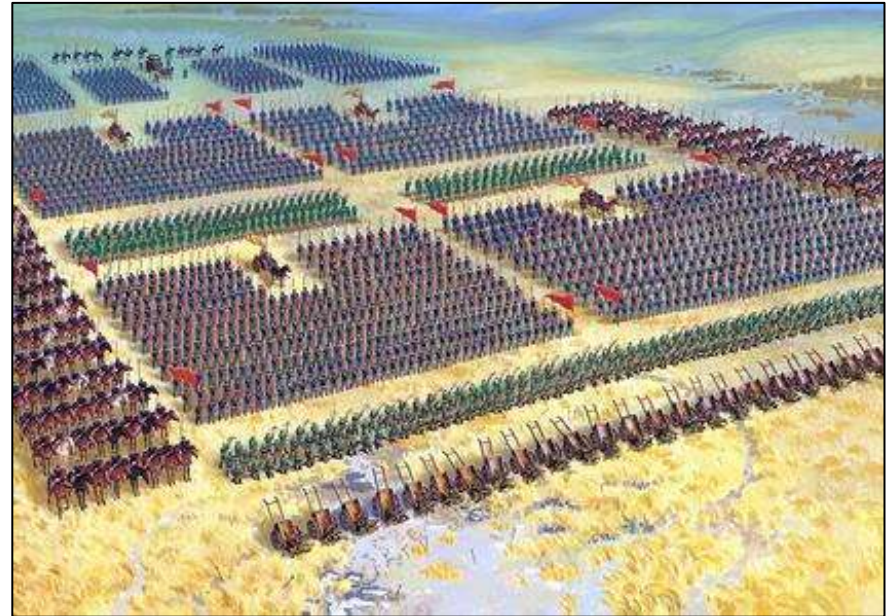


How did the Shang keep control?

The Shang rulers were not always popular and small areas of their kingdom sometimes rebelled.

The king would have to send soldiers to fight the rebels.



How did the Shang keep control?

There were people who lived outside the Shang kingdom who sometimes tried to invade.

The king had to send soldiers to keep the borders safe.



How did the Shang keep control?

Some Shang kings wanted to expand the kingdom.

The Shang king sometimes sent soldiers to invade other areas and make them part of his kingdom.



Who led the Shang army?

The army had generals. Sometimes the king was a general. Sometimes they were his relatives or friendly noblemen.

King Wu Ding sent one of his wives, Fu Hao (right) to lead part of his army. She was a great general.



Who fought in the Shang army?

The army was mostly foot soldiers (infantry).

Sometimes the peasants had to become soldiers.

When the army captured prisoners from other kingdoms, they sometimes had to become soldiers.



What did the Shang army fight with?

Soldiers had bronze weapons, like spears, axes, dagger-axes and shields.

They also had bows and arrows.



What did they fight with in the Shang army?

The generals and the king had chariots that were very fast, and the enemy did not know how to deal with them.

Most of the other soldiers fought on foot.





Now it's your turn

Compare Shang Warfare with what you learnt about Roman Warfare. Who had the most efficient armies?

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