



Social Studies Virtual Learning

6th Grade: Lesson # 21

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Objective/Learning Target:

I can describe the role of dynasties in Chinese government until 1912.

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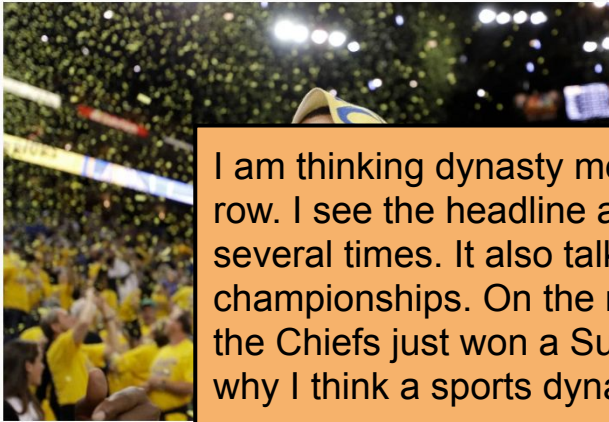
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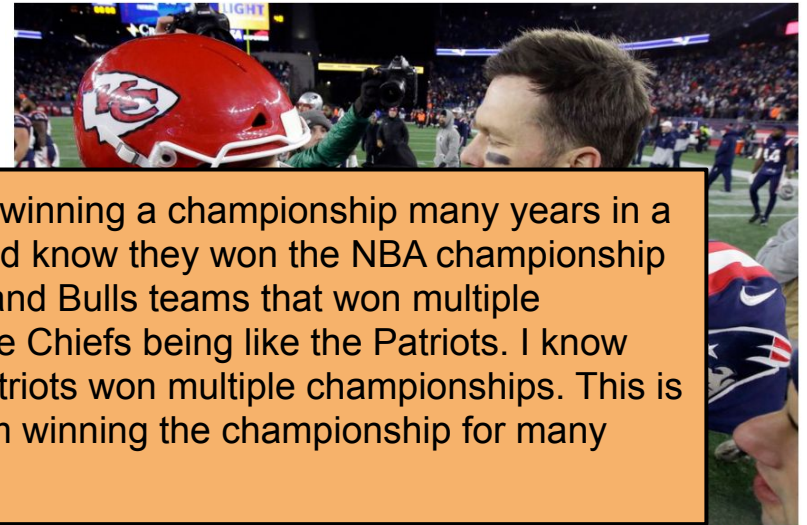


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I am thinking dynasty means the same team winning a championship many years in a row. I see the headline about the Warriors and know they won the NBA championship several times. It also talks about the Lakers and Bulls teams that won multiple championships. On the right, it asks about the Chiefs being like the Patriots. I know the Chiefs just won a Super Bowl and the Patriots won multiple championships. This is why I think a sports dynasty is the same team winning the championship for many years.

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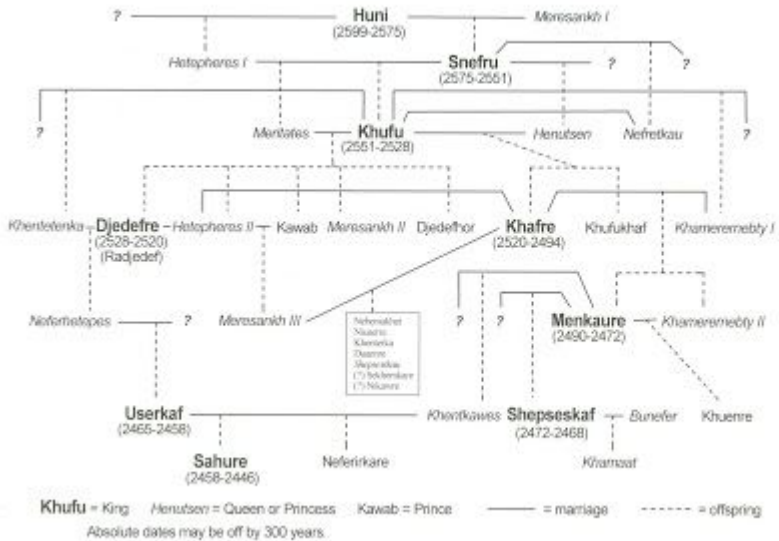
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Egyptian Fourth and Fifth Dynasty Marriages



Some Princes of Respective Generations

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- Rahotep
- Ankhhaf
- Kanofar

- Hemianu
- Bakane
- Baufre (Hortef)
- Minkauf

- Setka
- Baka
- Harnet

Other Relationships:
 Heterphes II and Ankhhaf
 Meresankh II and Hortef
 Nefretkau shows in several marriages, but it is impossible to distinguish her actions from the records. She married her father, Snefru, her brother, Khufu, and her nephew, Kafre. Perhaps there were two Nefretkaws.



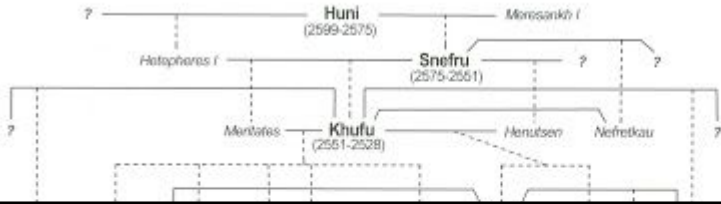
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I am thinking dynasty means a line of rulers from the same family. I see a family tree diagram of Egyptian dynasties and I remember that we talked about Khufu wanting to build a bigger, better pyramid than his father Snefru. I see the English dynasty and they are all related. The Kim dynasty are all members of the same family too. It seems like the word dynasty may have more than one meaning depending on the context in which it is used.



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A government dynasty is a line of rulers from the same family.

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I think these definitions are related because they both deal with who is leading or ruling. One is about who is leading or champion of a sports league like the NBA or NFL. The other is about who is leading or ruling a country.

Also both groups lead or rule for several years or generations. In the sports dynasty, the same team rules a league for a time. They do this by winning their league's championship. In the government dynasty, the same family rules a country or civilization for a time.

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As much as we root for the Chiefs to become a dynasty. We will use the government definition.

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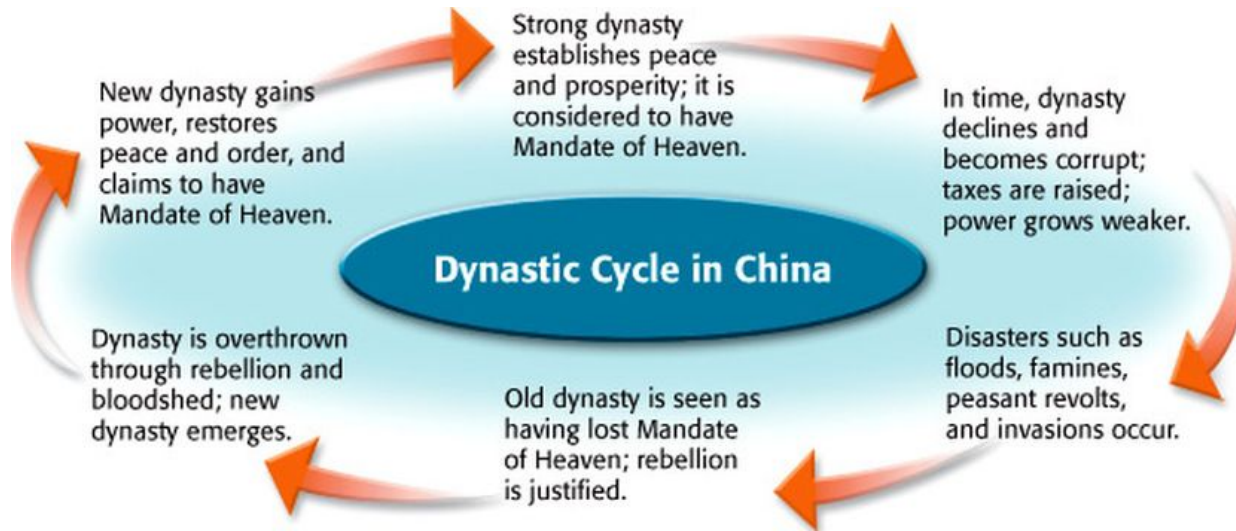
Lesson Activity

Today's lesson will focus on dynasties in China. The leaders of dynasties in China were known as emperors. They controlled the government. There could be several emperors within one dynasty.

[Click here to watch](#) a video about how the leaders of China came to power until 1912.

As you watch, take notes to answer these questions. Jot your answers down on your piece of paper.

1. What is the Mandate of Heaven?
2. How did the Zhou justify taking power?
3. What is the dynastic cycle? Add to your answer using the diagram below.



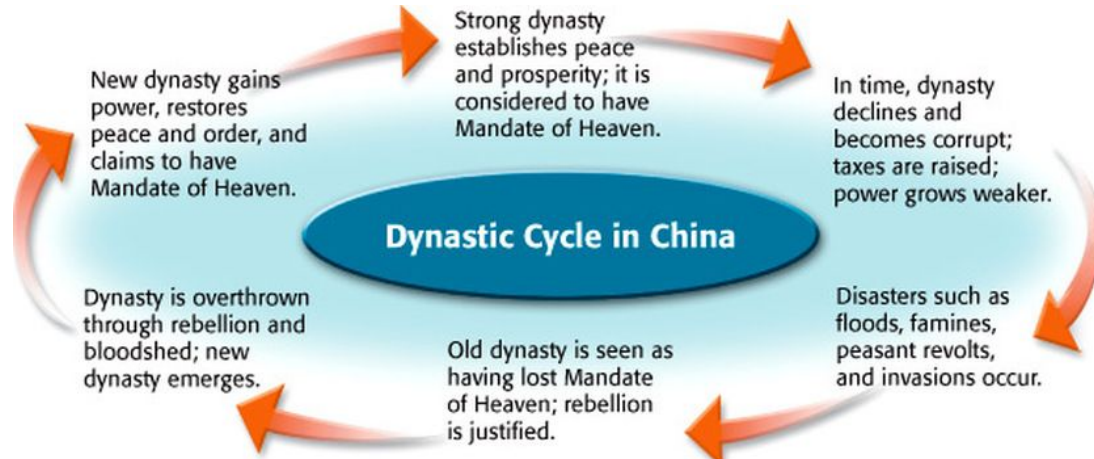
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2. How did the Zhou justify taking power? **The Zhou leaders declared, the final Shang king had been such a poor ruler, that the gods had taken away his rule and given it to the Zhou.**
3. What is the dynastic cycle? Add to your answer using the diagram below. **The rise and decline of Chinese dynasties. An old dynasty loses the Mandate of Heaven and is overthrown. A new dynasty gains power and restores peace.**



Lesson Activity

Summarize what you've learned so far.

How did a new leader come to power in China until 1912? Jot down your thinking on your piece of paper.

Consider using these sentence starters to guide your thinking:

A new emperor came to power when...

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A new emperor came to power when the previous emperor died. The leadership was passed down through the family. A new dynasty came to power when an old dynasty loses the Mandate of Heaven. This could be through disaster, revolt, invasion, etc.

Are there any advantages to choosing a new leader in this way? Jot down your thinking on your piece of paper.

One advantage to choosing a new leader this way might be that rulers from the same family offer continuity, so if they are doing good work, it will continue. Also, you know who is going to be the next emperor before the old one dies, so that person can train for the job.

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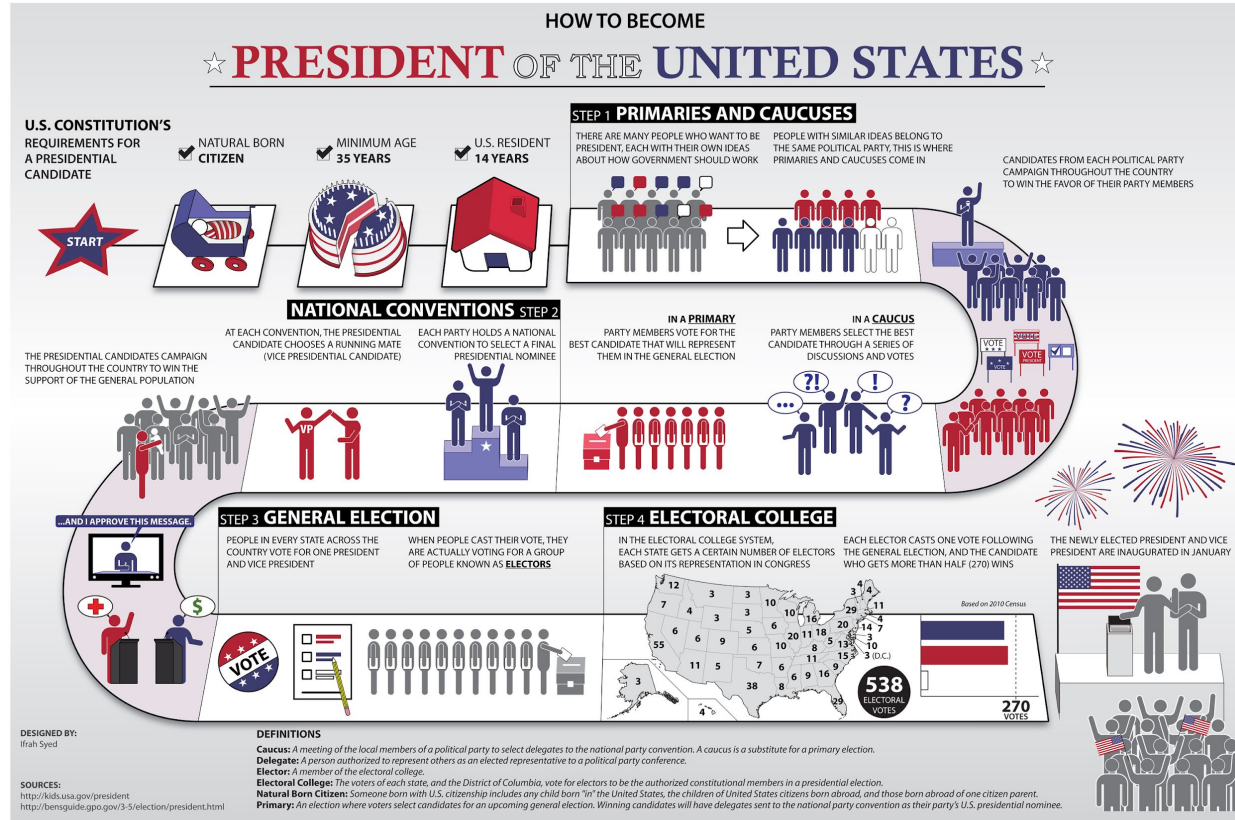
Next, we will compare the process ancient China used to pick its rulers to the process the United States uses to pick its government leaders today.

[Click here to watch](#) a video about how the leaders of the United States come to power.

Read the diagram on the right.

After you watch, take notes to answer these questions:

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2. How does someone become president?
3. When does the U.S. get a new president?



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Check your answers.

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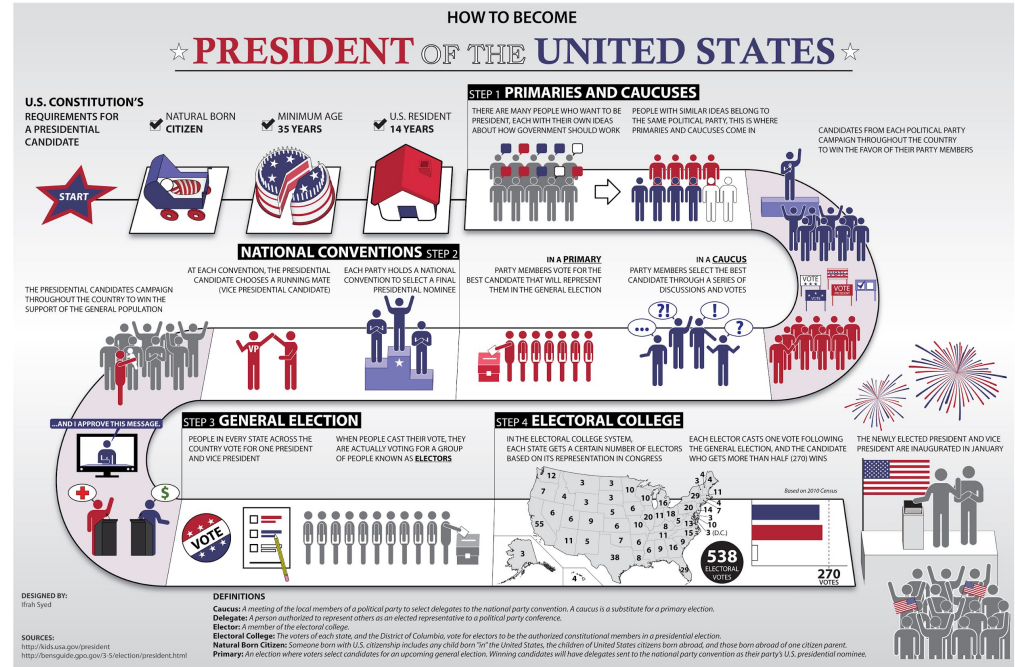
The Electoral College is the group of electors who elects the president and vice president. Each state gets a certain number of electors based on the number of members they have in Congress. Electors vote for the candidate that got the majority of votes from citizens in their state.

2. How does someone become president?

Someone becomes president by earning a majority of the Electoral College votes.

3. When does the U.S. get a new president?

The U.S. gets a new president every 4 years when a new one is elected.



Lesson Activity

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruled by dynasties• Emperors ruled within dynasties• Believed dynasties were chosen by Mandate of Heaven• New dynasties came to power when old ones lost Mandate of Heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruled by a president (and Congress)• Presidents are chosen in elections every 4 years• Uses the Electoral College system

Practice

To the right is a timeline of the leadership of China throughout its history.

[Click here to read](#) a timeline of the leadership of the United States throughout its history.

What are some similarities and differences you notice between the two timelines? Jot down your thinking on your piece of paper.

We learned that dynasties pass down power through family trees. Did you notice any U.S. presidents that shared last names? Jot down any on your paper.

[Click here to examine](#) family relationships between U.S. presidents.

Does this mean the U.S. has dynasties? Why or why not?

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SUI DYNASTY	589-618
TANG DYNASTY	618-907
FIVE DYNASTIES AND TEN KINGDOMS PERIOD	907-960
SONG DYNASTY	960-1279
YUAN DYNASTY	1279-1368
MING DYNASTY	1368-1644
QING DYNASTY	1644-1912
REPUBLIC OF CHINA	1912-1949
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	1949-present

Practice

What are some similarities and differences you notice between the two timelines?

Similarities I noticed are both timelines have the dates the leaders ruled and the names of the leaderships. Differences I noticed are some of the dates of the Chinese history are BC and the U.S. history are AD only. The Chinese history timeline are names of dynasties and the U.S. history are names of presidents. Also, the years are consistent for most U.S. presidents with 4 or 8 years terms. The dynasties in China have a variety of years they ruled. For example, the Shang was 644 years while the Han Dynasty was 446 years long.

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It is surprising (and maybe even worrisome) that so many presidents are related, but no, the United States does not have dynasties. In a dynasty, the line of rulers is chosen ahead of time. In the United States, a ruler has to be elected through votes. In a dynasty, the family rules one after the other. No family has ruled in back-to-back presidencies in the United States.

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Practice

Next, we are going to compare the achievements of Chinese emperors and U.S. presidents.

[Click here to watch](#) a video that ranks the top four emperors in Chinese history.

As you watch, add any accomplishments or achievements of the emperors to your T-Chart on the “China until 1912” side.

[Click here to watch](#) a video that ranks the top ten presidents in United States’ history.

As you watch, add any accomplishments or achievements of the presidents to your T-Chart on the “United States” side.

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Practice

Compare your new information to the T-Chart below.

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Reflection

Look back at your T-chart.

Create a system to mark similarities and differences. For example, you might use symbols like stars for similarities and X's for differences. You might color code similarities and differences if you have highlighters or different colored pens. You might circle similarities and underline differences. The important part of your system is that you know what it means. You might even create a key to help remind you what it means later.

Once you create your system, mark the similarities and differences on your T-Chart.

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Which would you prefer?

Think about the advantages and disadvantages of living under each form of government.

Which do you think is a better system for choosing leaders and why? Provide at least two reasons for your choice.

Consider using these sentence frames to help you get started:

_____ has a better system for choosing leaders. The first reason this is true is _____.
The second reason this is true is _____. Overall, _____ has a better system for
choosing leaders because _____.