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RETEACHING ACTIVITY ***River Dynasties in China***

Reading Comprehension

Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. (Note: for question 1, more than one letter will be used.) Then write the letter(s) of your answer in the blank.

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| _____ 1. The two major river systems in China that flow from the west to the Pacific Ocean | A. North China Plain |
| _____ 2. The yellowish fertile soil deposited along riverbanks | B. Middle Kingdom |
| _____ 3. China's heartland, the center of its civilization | C. pictographs |
| _____ 4. Name used for the <i>Homo erectus</i> skeleton found in northern China near Beijing | D. Peking man |
| _____ 5. The first Chinese dynasty to leave written records | E. Han Dynasty |
| _____ 6. The name the Chinese used to describe their own country as the center of the civilized world | F. dynastic cycle |
| _____ 7. Animal remnants and tortoise shells used to submit questions to the gods | G. oracle bones |
| _____ 8. Basis for Chinese system of writing | H. Huang He |
| _____ 9. Divine approval for a Chinese ruler | I. feudalism |
| _____ 10. The pattern of rise, decline, and replacement of ruling families in China | J. Shang Dynasty |
| _____ 11. A political system in which nobles, or lords, are granted the use of lands that legally belong to the king | K. Chang Jiang |
| _____ 12. Dynasty that brought improvements in technology and trade to China beginning around 1027 B.C. | L. Mandate of Heaven |
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