CONTENTS

Figi	ures pag	ge xi		Stone Tools and the Spread of Human	
Acknowledgments		xvii		Culture	4
	Introduction		3	The Transition to Food Production: Variability and Processes	4
I	A Short Theoretical Framework The Geographic and Environmental	3		Hunter-Gatherers vs. Agriculturalists: How Different Are They? Archaeological Evidence for the	4
	Background	· 7 7 9 12 15		Transition to Agriculture in China North China Late Pleistocene Sites Early Holocene Sites Central and South China Late Pleistocene Sites	49 49 50 54 50
2	Before Cultivation: Human Origins and the Incipient Development of Human Culture in China	19		Early Holocene Sites Are We There Yet? Plant and Animal Domestication during	58
	Archaeological Evidence for Early Human Occupation in China The Chronological Setting The Earliest Sites	19 20 21		the Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene Why Agriculture? Models Explaining the Transition to Agriculture in	60
	Early Paleolithic Sites Middle and Late Paleolithic Sites The Study of Hominin Remains and	22 27		China Climatic Changes and the Transition to Agriculture	61
	The Study of Hominin Remains and the Origins of Human Populations in China The "Out of Africa" Model The Origins of Homo Sapiens and	36 38		Social and Economic Strategies and the Transition to Agriculture One Center, Two Centers, Multiple Centers: Geographic Diversity,	64
	Modern Human Population in China	39		Interregional Interaction, and the Transition to Agriculture	66

4	The Development of Agriculture		The Production of Artifacts	113
	and Sedentary Life in North		The Economic Adaptation of Early	
	China	. 68	Neolithic Societies in Central and	
	The Material Culture of Early		South China	116
	Neolithic Societies in North		Domesticated Plants	116
	China	70	Domesticated Animals	118
	Settlement Patterns and Village	,	The Economic Base of Early	
	Organization	70	Neolithic Societies	118
	Domestic Structures	75	The Sociopolitical and Economic	
	Cemeteries, Burials, and Religious		Organization of Early Neolithic	
	Structures	79	Villages in Central and South	
	The Production of Artifacts	86		121
	The Economic Adaptation of Early		Settlement Hierarchy and Social	
	Neolithic Societies in North			121
	China	90	Economic Organization,	
	Domesticated Plants	90	Stratification, and Social	
	Domesticated Animals	92	Complexity	122
	The Economic Base of Early		Regional Variation and Interregional	
	Neolithic Societies	94	Interactions during the Early	
	The Sociopolitical and Economic		Neolithic Period in Central and	
	Organization of Early Neolithic		South China	123
	Villages in North China	95	Long-Range Interactions	124
	Hierarchy and Social Complexity		Explaining the Advent of Agriculture	1
	during the Early Part of the Early		and the Origins of Social and	
	Neolithic Period	96	Economic Change	125
	The Economic Organization of		The Topportably of Chips	
	Villages during the Early Part of		6 The Emergence and Development of	
	the Early Neolithic	97	Sociopolitical Complexity	127
	The Emergence of Stratification, Social		The Material Culture of Late Neolithic	
	Complexity, and Regional Polities		Societies in China	127
	during the Late Phases of the	98	Settlement Patterns and Site	
	Early Neolithic Regional Variability and Interregional	90	Structure	127
	Interactions during the Early		Domestic and Public Structures	135
	Neolithic Period in North China	99	Cemeteries, Burials, and Ritual	
	recontine reflod in reordi Cinna	99	Activity	139
5	The Shift to Agriculture and		Craft Production and Technology	144
	Sedentism in Central and South		Regional Variation and Interregional	
	China	103	Interactions during the Late	
	The Material Culture of Early		Neolithic Period	148
	Neolithic Societies in Central and		Regional Variation	148
	South China	103	Regional and Interregional	
	Settlement Patterns and Village		Interactions	150
	Organization	103	The Rise of Economic, Social, and	
	Domestic Structures	106	Political Complexity and	
	Cemeteries, Burials, and Religious		Stratification during the Late	
	Structures	108	Neolithic	154

ix

	Levels and Forms of Sociopolitical			Shaman or Technocrats? The Religious	
	Hierarchy during the Late			Functions and Leadership	
	Neolithic	154		Strategies of Shang Kings	219
	The Road to Stratification: Models			The Structure and Evolution of the	
	for the Development of			Shang State	220
	Stratification during the Late			The State Economy of the Shang	
	Neolithic	156		Polity	22:
	The "Origins of Chinese Civilization"			Power, Institution, and Legitimation:	
	and the Transmission of Cultural			A Model of the Shang State	22.
	Attributes through Time	159		The Formation of Chinese Culture	
	Thursday College Local Control of the			during the Shang Period	22
7	Stepping into History	. 161		much and all has a more death and the	
	Stepping into History: Are We There		9	Regional Variation and Interregional	
	Yet (1)?	162		Interactions during the Bronze Age:	
	The Collapse (or Not?) of Late			"Center and Periphery" or	
	Neolithic Society	164		"Interaction Spheres"?	22
	The Archaeology of the Early Second			The Archaeology of Regions Outside	
	Millennium BCE	167		the Shang Political Sphere	22'
	The Central Yellow River Basin	167		Chronological Issues	22
	Northwest China and the Ordos			The Archaeological Record	22
	Region	176		Northeast China	22
	Northeast China	178		North and Northwest China	23.
	Other Regions	184		The Lower and Central Yangzi	
	The Earliest State in Chinese History:	1165		River Basin	23
	Are We There Yet (2)?	184		The Sichuan Basin	24
	Models of the State and Their			Areas to the West and South of the	
	Archaeological Correlates	185		Yangzi River Basin	24
	The Erlitou State Reexamined	186		Regional Variation and Interregional	
	Interregional Interactions during the	100		Interactions	24
	First Half of the Second			Models of Interregional Interaction	24
	Millennium BCE	191		Economic Adaptation of Societies in	24
		191		Northeast and Northwest China	250
8	The Shang Dynasty: The Emergence			Economic Exchange and	25.
	of the State in China	. 194		Interregional Interaction	251
	Stepping into History: Historic,			Other Types of Exchange and	231
	Epigraphic, and Archaeological			Interregional Interaction	254
	Sources for the Study of the Shang	195		Effects of Interregional Interactions	256
	The Archaeology of the Shang Polity	197		Long-Range Interactions	
	Chronology of the Shang	198		Tarim Basin "Mummies" and	257
	Settlement Patterns and Site			East-West Contact during the	
	Structure	198		Bronze Age	262
	City Organization and Public	20		Diolize rige	202
	Structures	200	10	The Societies and Cultures of the	
	Cemeteries, Burials, and Ritual			Zhou Period: Processes of	
	Activity	205		Globalization and the Genesis of	
	Craft Production and Technology	209		Local Identities	. 264
	The Oracle Bone Inscriptions	216		Historical Background	264

	The Zhou Administration and the		Centralization and Expansion during	
		265		311
	The Eastern Zhou: A Multistate		Monuments of Unification: The	
		267	Archaeology of the Qin	
	System The Archaeology of the Western and			312
		269	Communication and Publicity	312
	Settlements and the Development of		Measures of Standardization	314
		269	The "Great Wall"	315
	Public Buildings	273	The Burial Complex of the First	
	Long Walls	276	Emperor	316
	Ritual Structures and Paraphernalia	278	Unification, Cultural Integration, and	
	Craft Production and Technology	290	Regional Variation	325
	Economic Changes and Their Effects	296	Cultural Integration under the Qin	
	The Evolution of Coins and a		and Its Fate during the Han and	
	Monetary System	298	Later Periods	325
	Regional Identity and Cross-Regional		Regional Variation and Resistance	0
	Integration	300	to the Unified Culture	328
	and the state of t		By Way of a Personal Conclusion:	
II	The Son of Heaven and the Creation of a Bureaucratic Empire	306	The Jade Dragon as an Emblem of	
			Local and National Identity	- 337
	Historical Background	306		
	Qin Unification and Collapse	306	Notes	341
	The Founding of the Han Dynasty		References	343
	and the Stabilization of the	308	Index	361
	Imperial System	300	III	