

Mandate of Heaven Reading Worksheet

1. Mandate of Heaven granted:
 - a. To whom was the Mandate of Heaven granted?

 - b. What evidence did he and the people have that he had the Mandate?

 - c. Why did he get the Mandate? (What did he do? How did he act?)

2. Mandate of Heaven lost:
 - a. From whom was the Mandate of Heaven revoked?

 - b. What evidence did he and the people have that he had lost the Mandate?

 - c. Why did he lose the Mandate? (What did he do? What didn't he do?)

3. Definition: Based on your answers above, how would you define the Mandate of Heaven?

4. Justification: It is believed that this story was created by the Zhou to justify their overthrow of the Shang. What form of legitimization did the Zhou use in creating this myth?