



Hip Hop History: Ancient China

Verse:

Chinese civilization arose along
The Yellow River, also known as Huang
The two rivers Huang and Chang, start in mountains off in the west
Winds blow dustlike soil called **loess**
Needless to say the country of China was isolated
Between two deserts and the Himalayas
The Shang Dynasty arose
Their earliest written records were **oracle bones**
They didn't use an alphabet, instead characters
Pictographs that represent an idea or word
The Zhou took control next and
They called their right to rule a **Mandate of Heaven**
Warlords were military rulers of small states
Loyalty was to the king, but power they hoped to gain
China entered into an era of **chaos** and confusion
The **Warring States period's** the name that we use for it
Daoism and Confucianism each of these
Was at first a **philosophy**
A set of beliefs about the world and how we live
Ancestor worship would honor the dead
Confucianism taught of **filial piety**
Children's devotion to parents is what this means
Daoism followed the Dao, or the natural way
Of the universe, uniting two forces: yin and yang

Chorus:

How does geography affect people's lives?
How does it affect how civilizations survive?
And what kind of effect does geography
Have on beliefs and philosophy?