**Chinese Society Reading Questions**

Read the assigned web page below and answer the following questions:

[Ancient Chinese social structure explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/year-7-chinese-society-reading/)

1. How many social classes was Chinese society broken into?
2. What determined who was in each part?
3. Who were the Shi?
4. What kind of people made up the Nong?
5. Who made up the Gong?
6. What was the name of the fourth group and who was in it?
7. What did the Shi have that was valuable?
8. What did the Nong have that was important for the country?
9. What did the Gong not have?
10. How did the other social classes of China view the Shang?
11. How might a person become a slave?
12. Why was the imperial family not considered a part of the four classes?
13. In what ways were women’s lives different to men’s in Chinese society?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why were each of the four social classes of Ancient China important to society?*