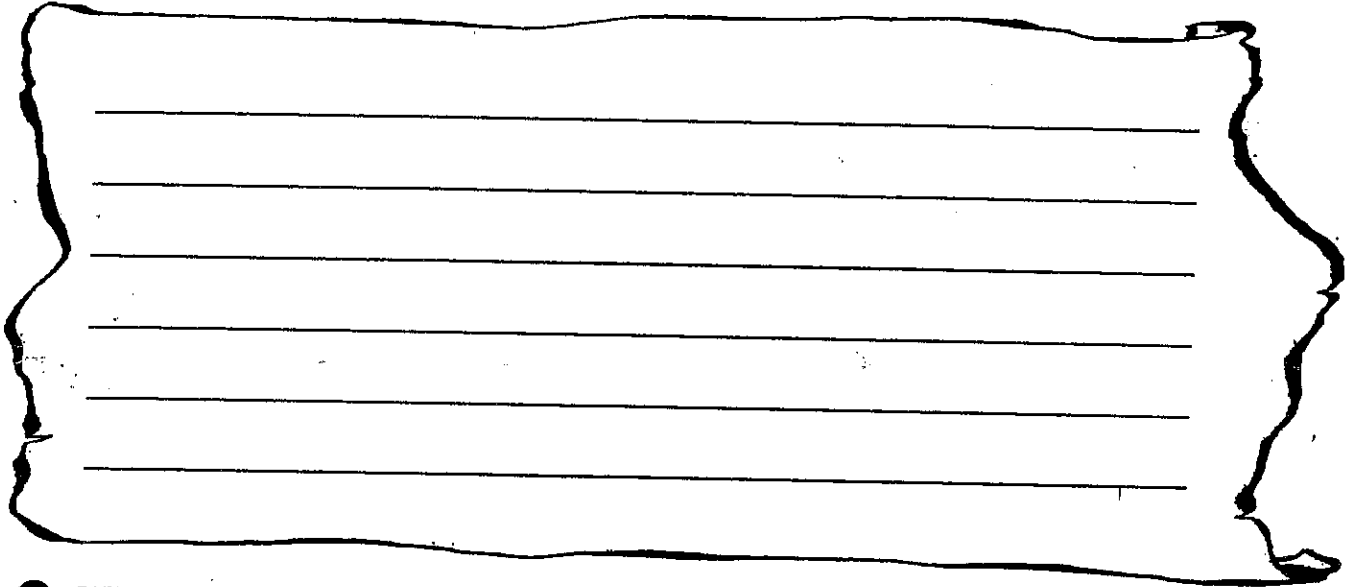


The Huang He Valley

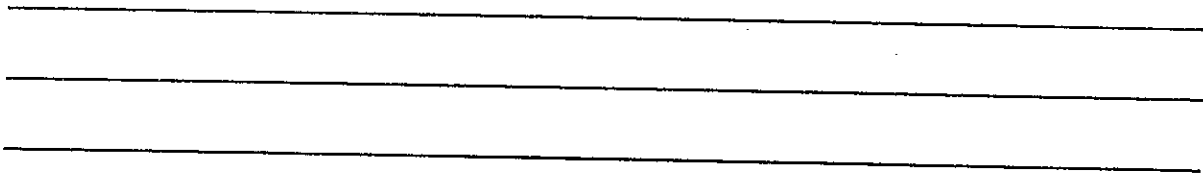
China's origins can be traced to the Huang He Valley. Legends and religious beliefs were passed down through generations. One of the earliest legends tells how Yu the Great saved the people of the Huang He Valley.

Directions Complete the following activities.

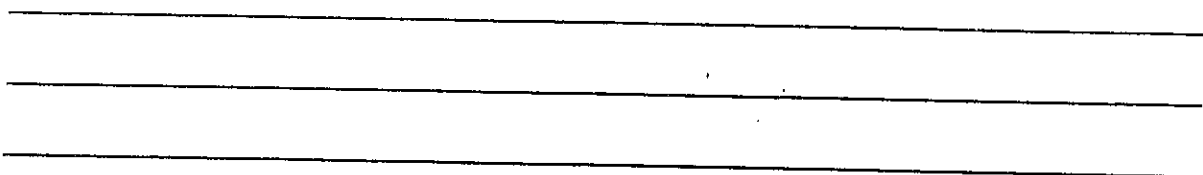
- 1 In your own words, tell the story of Yu the Great and the Great Flood.



- 2 What does this legend tell you about the civilization of the Huang He Valley?



- 3 Some experts believe that the Xia dynasty was China's first family of leaders. Others name the Shang dynasty as the first. Which do you think was China's first dynasty? Why? Use information from your textbook to support your opinions.



4. Illustrate the legend of Yu the Great and the Great Flood on the paper provided. Your illustration should be creative, neat, and colored.