

## China's Great Dynasties

**Directions** Use what you have learned and your textbook to complete the graphic organizer about the Zhou and Qin dynasties of China.

**THE ZHOU DYNASTY**  
How it came to power:

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**Key events and developments:**

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## The Maurya and Gupta Empires



**Directions** The emperor Ashoka was one of India's best-known rulers. Use your textbook and what you have learned to answer the questions about Ashoka.

- 1 When Ashoka first ruled India, his reign was similar to that of his grandfather, Chandragupta. How were they alike?  
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- 2 The invasion of Kalinga marked a turning point in Ashoka's life. What happened during that invasion? How did it change Ashoka?  
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- 3 Because of his views about nonviolence, Ashoka did not believe in harming animals. How did this belief influence people during the time of Ashoka's rule?  
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- 4 Think about what you have learned about the Maurya Empire in India. What are two ways a ruler can unite the people of a country? Which do you think is the better way? Explain your answer.  
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