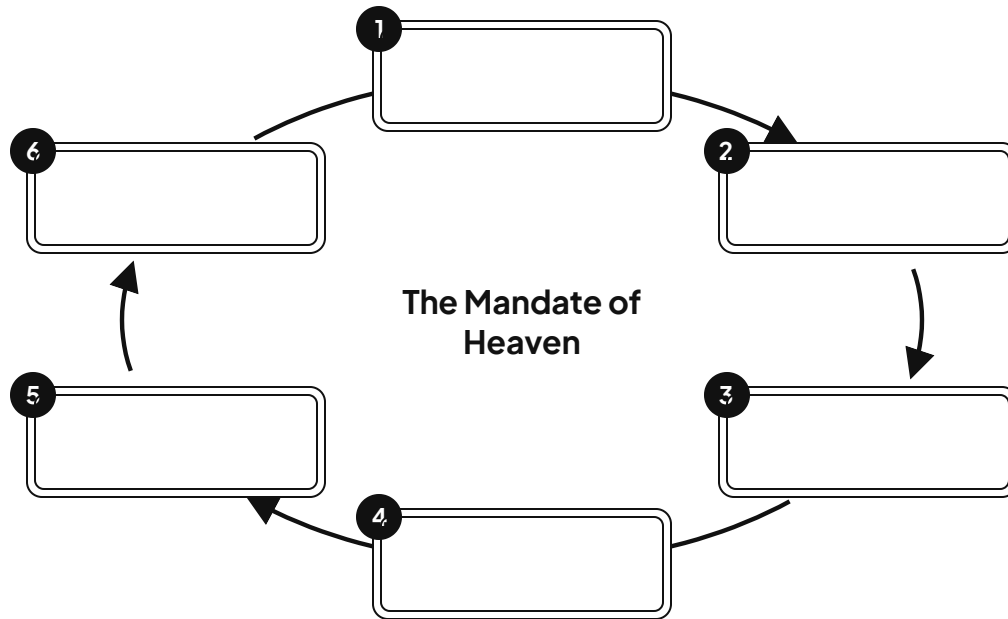




FILL IN THE DYNASTIC CYCLE



Write each stage from the word bank in its numbered box, in order round the circle. Then answer the questions.



◆ WORD BANK ◆

- A new leader claims the Mandate
- A new dynasty takes power
- Peace, building and good harvests
- Floods, famine and rebellion
- Rulers grow weak; taxes rise
- The dynasty is overthrown

1. Why did floods, famines and rebellions worry a ruler in ancient China? What did people think they meant?

2. How did the Mandate of Heaven help the Zhou after they defeated the Shang in 1046 BC?

3. In the Qin to Han example, which stage do the Qin's heavy taxes and forced work belong to? What happened in the next two stages?

4. Liu Bang came from a farming family, not a royal one. How did the idea of the Mandate of Heaven make it possible for him to become emperor?
