Chapter 4

8th millennium BC marked the transition from hunter gatherer to farming and village life

 -it is called the Yangshao culture because of the area where it was first discovered in 1921

The Yangshao era lasted up to 2700 BCE, during this time farmers grew millet wheat and rice. They also domesticated pigs dogs goats and maybe horses.

A little later and to the northeast a new culture started called the Longshan

In Shang dynasty ruler directly controlled growing network of towns

He would designate regions, usually to family members, and these people would receive title to the land, shares in the harvest, and rights to build and control a regional capital city. The Shang had a great bronze working industry. Their capital was the most elaborate