

Shang People

Noble Warriors

The noble warriors were also held in high regard. Although they lived outside the main city walls, they often lived in luxurious palaces. The noble warriors spent their time hunting and managing the land which they 'rented' from the king.

Peasant farmers paid taxes to the noble warriors to be allowed to live and work on the land. The farmers were allowed to keep some of the produce themselves, but most went to the noble warriors who, in turn, paid much of it in tribute to the king.



The noble warriors also had the very important job of providing protection for the king and ruling family. They were skilled fighters and defended the capital city from external attacks.