

Close Reading:

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King Wen is on high,
Oh, he shines in Heaven!
Zhou is an old people,
but its Mandate is new.
The leaders of Zhou became illustrious,
was not God's Mandate timely given?
King Wen ascends and descends on the left and right of God.

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August was King Wen, continuously bright and reverent.
Great, indeed, was the Mandate of Heaven.
There were Shang's grandsons and sons,
Shang's grandsons and sons.
Was their number not a hundred thousand?
But the High God gave his Mandate,
and they bowed down to Zhou.

Annotate the passage above in the following ways:

- 1) Make a comment about word choice or tone
- 2) Make a connection to something you already know
- 3) Point out something new we can learn from this text
- 4) Ask an open-ended question
- 5) Identify an assumption or omission in the text