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Dr. Afxendiou Unit 2

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

Selection from the *Classic of Odes: King Wen (Ode 235)*

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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,

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Was their number not a hundred thousand?

But the High God gave his Mandate,

and they bowed down to Zhou.

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The Mandate is not easy to keep;

may it not end in your persons.

Display and make bright your good fame,

and consider what Yin had received from Heaven.

The doings of high Heaven

have no sound, no smell.

Make King Wen your pattern,

and all the states will trust in you.

1. According to the poet, why were the Zhou able to take over from the Shang as rulers?
2. What implications does the idea of the “Mandate” expressed here have for future rulers?