

The background of the entire image is a rich red silk fabric with a repeating pattern of golden dragons and clouds. The fabric is draped, creating deep folds and highlights that emphasize its texture and sheen. The dragons are intricately detailed with scales and flowing manes, set against a backdrop of stylized, swirling clouds.

# How is silk made?



Silk is made from the cocoons of the mulberry silk moth.



Traditional methods of silk production involved washing, spinning, dyeing and weaving the thread by hand.



But now silk thread is produced and woven in factories.

# Where was silk discovered?



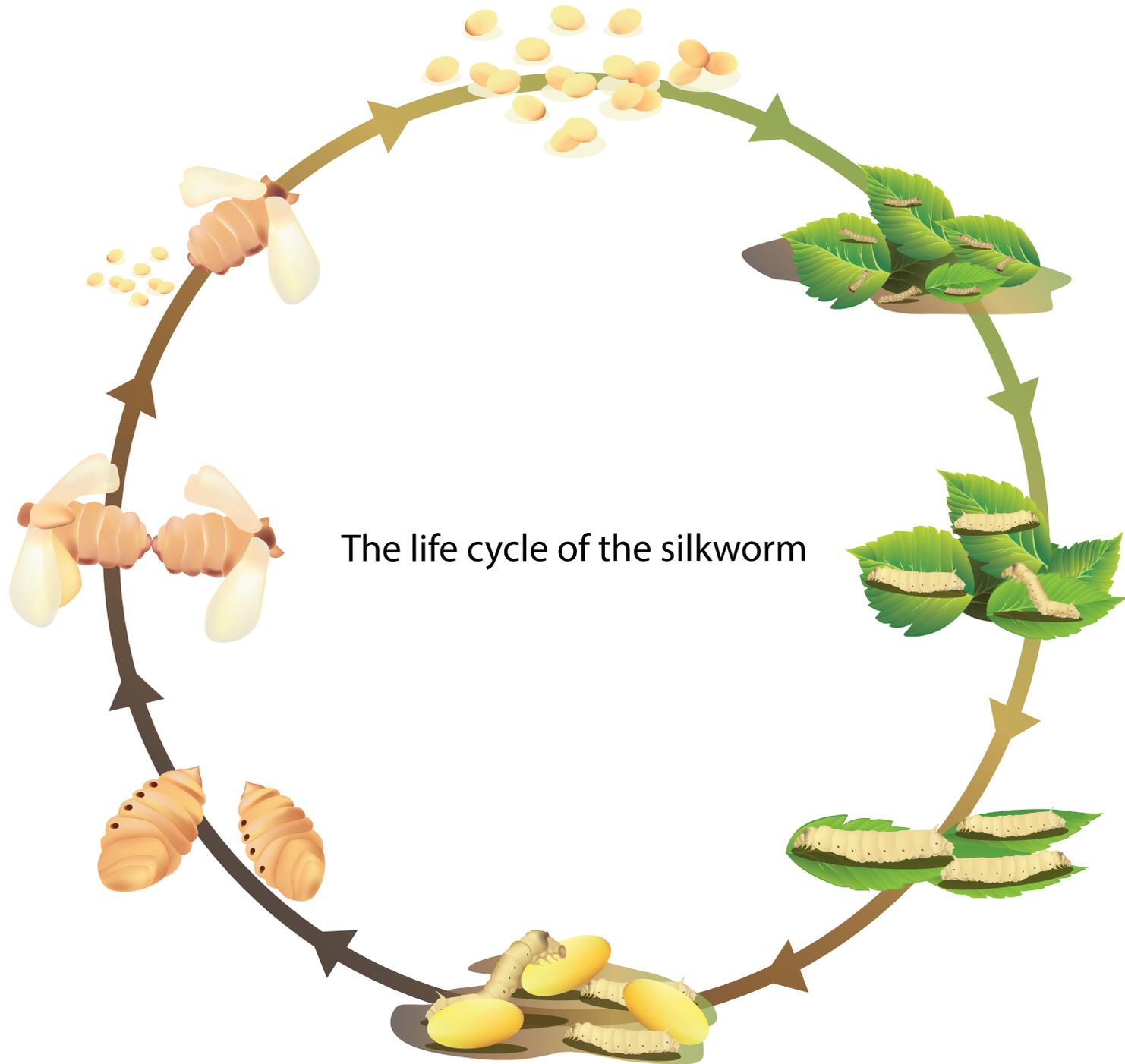
Silk originates from China.

According to Chinese legend, Empress Hsi Ling Shih was the first to discover it around 3000 BCE.

The empress was sitting under a mulberry tree having tea when a cocoon fell into her cup.

After watching the cocoon unravelling in her tea she wondered if the silky thread could be used for weaving.

She experimented with methods of production and soon China was making silk cloth of the finest quality.



The life cycle of the silkworm