Exercises on tonal development 1

Look at the following words in Beijing:

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| 君king | 羣crowd | 幫help | 旁side | 張draw | 長long |
| jūn | qún | bāng | páng | zhāng | cháng |

1. What are the names of the tonal categories of these characters in Mandarin?
2. How is each pair of initials different in terms of their phonetic features?
3. Which characters had a voiced initial in Middle Chinese?
4. What is your justification?
5. In Beijing, there are words like qūn pāng chāng, why is that?
6. In Beijing, there are no words like jún báng zháng, why is that?