

# Chinese Dynasties and Historical Periods

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Shang 商 Dynasty: c. 1600-c. 1050 B.C.E.

Zhou 周 Dynasty: c. 1050-256 B.C.E.

Western (Early) Zhou 西周: c. 1050-771 B.C.E.

Eastern (Later) Zhou 東周: c. 770-256 B.C.E.

Spring and Autumn Period 春秋: 770-480 B.C.E.

Warring States Period 戰國: 480-221 B.C.E.

Qin 秦 Dynasty: 221-207 B.C.E.

Han 漢 Dynasty: 206 B.C.E.-220 C.E.

Western (Early) Han 西漢: 206 B.C.E.-8 C.E.

Xin 新 (Wang Mang 王莽): 9-23

Eastern (Later) Han 東漢: 25-220

Three Kingdoms 三國: 220-280\*

Wei 魏 Kingdom: 220-265

Shu 蜀 Kingdom: 221-263

Wu 吳 Kingdom: 222-280

Jin 晉 Dynasty: 265-420

Western (Early) Jin 西晉: 265-316

Eastern (Later) Jin 東晉: 317-420

Northern and Southern Dynasties: 386-589

Northern Dynasties 北朝: 386-581

Northern Wei 北魏: 386-534

Eastern Wei 東魏: 534-550

Western Wei 西魏: 535-557

Northern Qi 北齊: 550-577

Northern Zhou 北周: 557-581

Six Dynasties 六朝 (Southern Dynasties 南朝): 420-589

Liu-Song 劉宋: 420-479

Southern Qi 南齊: 479-502

Liang 梁: 502-557

Chen 陳: 557-589

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\* The period from the end of the Han to the Sui (220-581) is often referred to as the Period of Disunion.

Sui 隋 Dynasty: 581-618

Tang 唐 Dynasty: 618-906

Five Dynasties 五代 and Ten Kingdoms 十國: 907-960

Liao 遼 (Khitan) Dynasty: 916-1125

Song 宋 Dynasty: 960-1279

Northern Song 北宋: 960-1126

Southern Song 南宋: 1127-1279

Xixia 西夏(Tangut) Dynasty: 990-1217

Jin 金 (Jurchen) Dynasty: 1115-1234

Yuan 元 (Mongol) Dynasty: 1279-1368

Ming 明 Dynasty: 1368-1644

Qing 清 (Manchu) Dynasty: 1644-1911

Republic of China: 1912-1949; 1949-

People's Republic of China: 1949-