

Major Periods in Chinese History

Shang 商 dynasty, ca. 1570–1046 BCE

Zhou 周 dynasty, 1045–256 BCE

Qin 秦 dynasty, 221–206 BCE

Han 漢 dynasty, 206 BCE – 220 CE

Three Kingdoms (Wei 魏, Shu 蜀, Wu 吳), 220–280

Jin 晉 dynasty, 265–420

Southern and Northern Dynasties (Nanbeichao 南北朝), 420–589

Sui 隋 dynasty, 581–618

Tang 唐 dynasty, 618–907

Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (Wudai shiguo 五代十國), 907–960

Song 宋 dynasty, 960–1279

Yuan 元 dynasty, 1271–1368

Ming 明 dynasty, 1368–1644

Qing 清 dynasty, 1644–1911

Republic of China, 1912–1949

People's Republic of China, 1949–present

