
CHRONOLOGY OF CHINESE HISTORY¹

Shang Dynasty, 16th to 11th century B.C.

Zhou Dynasty, 11th to 3rd century B.C.

 Western Zhou Dynasty, 11th century to 771 B.C.

 Eastern Zhou Dynasty, 770 to 256 B.C.

 Spring and Autumn period, 770 to 476 B.C.

 Warring States period, 475 to 221 B.C.

Qin Dynasty, 221 to 207 B.C.

Han Dynasty, 3rd century B.C. to 3rd century A.D.

 Former (or Western) Han Dynasty, 206 B.C. to 24 A.D.

 Later (or Eastern) Han Dynasty, 25 to 220

Three Kingdoms era, 220 to 280

 Wei Dynasty, 220 to 265

 Shu Han Dynasty, 221 to 263

 Wu Dynasty, 222 to 280

Western Jin Dynasty, 265 to 316

Eastern Jin Dynasty, 317 to 420

¹Adapted from *A Chinese-English Dictionary* (1992), p. 972.

Era of North-South Division, 420 to 589

Sui Dynasty, 581 to 618

Tang Dynasty, 618 to 907

Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms era, 907 to 960

Song Dynasty, 960 to 1279

Northern Song Dynasty, 960 to 1127

Southern Song Dynasty, 1127 to 1279

Liao Dynasty, 916 to 1125

Jin Dynasty, 1115 to 1234

Yuan Dynasty (Mongols), 1271 to 1368

Ming Dynasty, 1368 to 1644

Qing Dynasty (Manchus), 1644 to 1911

Republic of China, 1912 to 1949

People's Republic of China, 1949 to present