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

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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