

Appendix A

Chronology of Chinese Dynasties

DATES	DYNASTY	
ca. 2000–1500 BCE	Xia	夏
1700–1027 BCE	Shang	商
1027–771 BCE	Western Zhou	西周
770–221 BCE	Eastern Zhou 770–476 BCE: Spring and Autumn period 475–221 BCE: Warring States period	東周 春秋時代 戰國時代
221–207 BCE	Qin	秦
206 BCE–9 CE	Western Han	西漢
9–24 CE	Xin (Wang Mang interregnum)	新
25–220 CE	Eastern Han	東漢
220–280 CE	Three Kingdoms	三國
265–316 CE	Western Jin	西晉
317–420 CE	Eastern Jin	東晉
420–588 CE	Southern and Northern Dynasties	南北朝
581–617 CE	Sui	隨
618–907 CE	Tang	唐
907–960 CE	Five Dynasties	五代
960–1279 CE	Song 960–1127 CE: Northern Song 1127–1279 CE: Southern Song	宋 北宋 南宋
916–1125 CE	Liao	遼
1038–1227 CE	Western Xia	西夏
1115–1234 CE	Jin	金
1279–1368 CE	Yuan	元
1368–1644 CE	Ming	明
1644–1911 CE	Qing	清
1911–1949 CE	Republic of China (in mainland China)	中華民國
1949– CE	People's Republic of China	中華人民共和國

Note: Gaps in time between one dynasty or period and the next result from periods of disunity before a new emperor and royal family claims the throne to found a new dynasty.