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CHRONOLOGY OF CHINESE DYNASTIES

Dynasties	Years
Xia 夏	ca. 21 st century BCE–17 th century BCE
Shang 商	ca. 17 th century BCE–11 th century BCE
Western Zhou 西周	ca. 11 th century BCE–771 BCE
Eastern Zhou 東周	771 BCE–256 BCE
Spring and Autumn Period 春秋	771 BCE–476 BCE
Warring States Period 戰國	476 BCE–221 BCE
Qin 秦	221 BCE–206 BCE
Western Han 西漢	202 BCE–8 CE
Xin 新	8–23
Eastern Han 東漢	25–220
Three Kingdoms 三國	220–280
Western Jin 西晉	265–316
Eastern Jin 東晉	317–420
Southern and Northern Dynasties 南北朝	420–589
Sui 隋	581–618
Tang 唐	618–907
Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms 五代十國	907–960
Northern Song 北宋	960–1127
Southern Song 南宋	1127–1276
Liao 遼	916–1125
Jin 金	1125–1234
Yuan 元	1271–1368
Ming 明	1368–1644
Qing 清	1644–1912