

CHINESE HISTORY TIMELINE

1766-1122 BC	Shang Dynasty	City-state confederation ruled by priest-kings
1122-256	Zhou Dynasty	Mandate of Heaven proclaimed Feudal government Warring States Confucius (551-479)
221-207	Qin Dynasty	Reunification, creation of Legalist empire Centralized bureaucracy replaces feudalism
206 BC- 220 AD	Han Dynasty	Mandate of Heaven reaffirmed Confucianism made state philosophy Military expansion into Central Asia Tribute system created for foreign relations
220-589	(Dark Ages)	North-South division North ruled by non-Chinese invaders
589-618	Sui Dynasty	Reunification of empire
618-907	Tang Dynasty	Military expansion into Central Asia Civil service exams main path to government office
960-1270	Song Dynasty	North ruled by non-Chinese invaders
1279-1368	Yuan Dynasty	Mongol conquest and rule
1368-1644	Ming Dynasty	Chinese restoration Great Wall built
1644-1911	Qing Dynasty	Manchu conquest and rule
	1839-42	Opium War
	1851-64	Taiping Rebellion
	1860s-90s	Self-Strengthening Movement
	1885	Sino-French War over Vietnam
	1894	Sino-Japanese War over Korea
	1898	Kang Youwei's 100 Days Reform
	1900	Boxer Uprising
	1905	Sun Yat-sen forms Revolutionary Alliance
	1911	Republican Revolution

1912-1949	Republic of China	Yuan Shikai Presidency
	1913	Yuan establishes military dictatorship
	1915	Yuan imperial restoration
	1916	Civil War
	1916-26	Warlord period
	1919	May 4 th Incident
	1921	Founding of Chinese Communist Party (CCP)
	1922	Nationalist Party revitalization by Sun Yat-sen United Front with CCP
	1925	Death of Sun Yat-sen (Succession by Chiang Kai-shek)
	1926-27	Nationalist reunification Purge of CCP
	1931	Japanese seize Manchuria
	1934	CCP Long March to north China
	1936	Kidnapping of Chiang Kai-shek Second United Front with CCP
	1937	Outbreak of war with Japan
	1941	Pearl Harbor
	1945	Japanese defeat
	1946-49	Nationalist-CCP Civil War
	1949	Chiang retreats to Taiwan Founding of Peoples Republic of China
1949-Present	Peoples Republic	Mao Zedong in charge
	1957	Great Leap Forward, economic collapse
	1966-76	Cultural Revolution
	1976	Death of Mao Zedong
	1977	Deng Xiaoping begins to reverse Maoist system
	1997	Death of Deng Xiaoping