## CONTENTS

*List of Illustrations*  
p. ix

*List of Tables*  
p. xiii

*List of Text Boxes*  
p. xv

*Abbreviations*  
p. xix

*Acknowledgments*  
p. xxii

*Introduction*  
p. 1

I. WRITING AND THE LEGITIMATION OF THE STATE: HISTORY AS KING LIST  
1. The Near East and the Americas  
   p. 19
2. China  
   p. 21

II. WRITING AND THE WEALTH OF THE STATE: PEOPLE AND LAND, CENSUS AND LAND REGISTER  
3. The Near East and the Americas  
   p. 40
4. China  
   p. 53

III. WRITING AND THE PERPETUATION OF THE STATE: SCRIBAL EDUCATION, LEXICAL LISTS, AND LITERATURE  
5. The Near East and the Americas  
   p. 55
6. China  
   p. 175

*Conclusion*  
   p. 239

*Notes*  
   p. 241

*References*  
   p. 275

*Index*  
   p. 301

© in this web service Cambridge University Press

www.cambridge.org