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Xia	Traditionally 2205–1766 BCE
Shang	1600–c. 1050 BCE
Western Zhou	c. 1050–771 BCE
Chunqiu (Spring and Autumn period)	770–481 BCE
Zhanguo (Warring States period)	475–222 BCE
Qin	221–210 BCE
Western Han	206 BCE–9 CE
Xin dynasty	9–23 CE
Eastern Han	25–220 CE
Sanguo (Three Kingdoms period)	220–265 CE
Jin	265–420 CE
Western Jin	265–316 CE
Eastern Jin	317–420 CE
Nanbeichao (Six Dynasties period)	420–589 CE
Sui	589–617 CE
Tang	618–907 CE
Song	960–1279 CE
Northern Song	960–1126 CE
Southern Song	1126–1279 CE
Yuan	1279–1368 CE
Ming	1368–1644 CE
Qing	1644–1911 CE
Republican Period	1912–1949
People’s Republic of China	1949–present