

## Timeline of Ancient China

Silk first made	Before 2000 B.C.
Shang Dynasty	1700–1027 B.C.
First writing	c. 1200 B.C.
Zhou Dynasty	1027–221 B.C.
Hundred Schools of Thought	770 B.C.–221 B.C.
Life of Confucius	551–479 B.C.
Warring States period	475–221 B.C.
Cast iron invented	c. 300 B.C.
Qin Dynasty	221–206 B.C.
Emperor Shi Huangdi's reign	221–209 B.C.
Building of Great Wall began	214 B.C.
Book burning	213 B.C.
Han Dynasty	206 B.C.–A.D. 220
Beginning of Silk Road	c. 200 B.C.
Paper invented	c. 100 B.C.

The dynasties of China continued one after another until 1911.