

CHRONOLOGY

Japan

Prehistoric Period

JŌMON NEOLITHIC CULTURE: 2nd millennium B.C.–3rd century B.C.

YAYOI BRONZE CULTURE: 3rd century B.C.–3rd century A.D.

PERIOD OF THE GREAT TOMBS: 3rd–6th centuries A.D.

Asuka Period: 538–671

Introduction of Buddhism. Formation of Yamato state

Nara Period: 672–780

EARLY NARA OR HAKUHŌ: 672–710. LATE NARA OR TEMPYŌ: 710–780

Capital established at Heijōkyō (Nara) in 710

Heian Period: 781–1184

EARLY HEIAN OR JŌGAN: 781–897. LATE HEIAN OR FUJIWARA: 898–1184

Capital established at Heiankyō (Kyoto) in 794

Kamakura Period: 1185–1338

Rule of Minamoto and Hōjō Shōguns at Kamakura 1274 and 1281:
attempted invasion of Japan by the Mongols

Ashikaga Period: 1338–1568

Rule of Ashikaga Shōguns at Kyoto. 1543, arrival of Portuguese

Momoyama Period: 1568–1614

Dictators: Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and Tokugawa Iyeyasu

Tokugawa Period: 1615–1867

Rule of Tokugawa Shōguns at Tokyo

1637–1638: Shimabara rebellion. Expulsion of the Portuguese

Ports closed to foreign ships. Japanese forbidden to go abroad

1640: Dutch confined in Deshima. Other Europeans excluded

1867-1868: Feudalism abolished and monarchy restored

Meiji and Taishō Periods: 1868-1911; 1912-1926
Imperial rule from Tokyo

China

Japanese forms in parentheses

<i>Shang or Yin (In) Dynasty:</i>	c. 1766-1027 B.C.
<i>Chou (Shū) Dynasty:</i>	1122-255 B.C.
<i>Ch'in (Shin) Dynasty:</i>	221-206 B.C.
<i>Han (Kan) Dynasty:</i>	206 B.C.-A.D. 23
<i>Later Han (Gokan) Dynasty:</i>	25-220
<i>The Three Kingdoms (San-goku):</i>	220-277
<i>Western Chin (Sei-shin)</i>	} <i>Dynasties:</i> 265-419
<i>Eastern Chin (Tō-shin)</i>	
<i>Northern and Southern Dynasties (Namboku-cho):</i>	420-581
<i>Sui (Zui) Dynasty:</i>	589-618
<i>T'ang (Tō) Dynasty:</i>	618-906
<i>Five Dynasties (Godai):</i>	907-959
<i>Northern Sung (Sō) Dynasty:</i>	960-1126
<i>Southern Sung (Nansō) Dynasty:</i>	1127-1279
<i>Chin (Kin) Dynasty:</i>	1115-1234
<i>Yüan (Gen) Dynasty:</i>	1280-1368
<i>Ming (Min) Dynasty:</i>	1368-1644
<i>Ch'ing (Shin) Dynasty:</i>	1644-1912
<i>Republic (Minkoku):</i>	1912-

