

Periodization

The following list comprises an overview of the historical dynasties referred to in this book.¹

Shāng 商 / Yīn 殷	ca. 1500–1045 BC
Western Zhōu 周	ca. 1045–771 BC
Eastern Zhōu 周	770–221 BC
Springs and Autumns period	770–476 BC
Warring States period	453–221 BC
Qín 秦 Dynasty	221–206 BC
Hàn 漢 Dynasty	206 BC–220 CE
Western Hàn 漢	206 BC–9 CE
Xīn 新 Dynasty (Wáng Mǎng 王莽 <i>interregnum</i>)	9–23 CE
Eastern Hàn 漢	25–220 CE

¹ This periodization table is based on Barbieri-Low and Yates 2015: Section 1.2. For more on the periodization of Ancient China see, for example, Higham 1996; Keightley 1999; Lǐ Xuéqín 2002b; Shaughnessy 2009.

