Appendix M: Chinese Dynasties

Hsia                          c. 21st–c. 16th century B.C.E.
Yin (Shang)                   c. 16th–c. 11th century B.C.E.
Chou                          c. 1100–256 B.C.E.
    Western Chou     c. 1100–770 B.C.E.
    Eastern Chou    770–256 B.C.E.
    Spring and Autumn period 770–403 B.C.E.
    Warring States period 403–221 B.C.E.
Ch’ìn                          221–206 B.C.E.
Han                           202 B.C.E.–C.E. 220
    Former Han      202 B.C.E.–C.E. 8
    Later Han       25–220
Period of the Three Kingdoms  220–280
    Wu              222–280
    Wei             220–265
    Shu             221–263
Ch’in                         265–420
    Western Chin    265–316
    Eastern Chin   317–420
Later Chao                    319–351
Former Liang                 301–376
Former Ch’in                 351–394
Later Ch’in                  384–417
Northern Liang               397–439
Northern and Southern Dynasties 439–589
    Liu Sung        420–479
    Ch’i            479–502
    Liang           502–557
    Ch’en           557–589
Sui                           581–618
T’ang                         618–907
Five Dynasties                907–960
Sung                          960–1279
    Northern Sung   960–1127
    Southern Sung   1127–1279
Liao                          916–1125
Chin                          1115–1234
Yüan                          1271–1368
Ming                          1368–1644
Ch’ing                        1644–1912