

Appendix N: 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'in	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
Chin	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		
		Northern Wei	386–534
		Northern Ch'i	550–577
		Northern Chou	557–581
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		