

Timeline: Ancient China and World Cultures

PERIOD	CHINA	WORLD
Neolithic Period	5000 BCE Banpo painted pottery	Mesopotamia painted pottery
	4000 BCE	Mesopotamia picture writing (c. 3500 BCE)
	3000 BCE Silkworm cocoon (c. 3000 BCE) Longshan black pottery Liangzhu burial at Sidu (c. 2500 BCE)	Pyramids at Giza (2570-2500 BCE) Cities of Harrappa, Mohenjodaro, Indus Valley
	2000 BCE	Papyrus used in Egypt
Erlitou Period (Xia Dynasty?)	1750 BCE	Stonehenge, England (c. 1650 BCE)
	1500 BCE	
Shang Dynasty	1500 BCE Shang capital at Zhengzhou	Tutankhamun (1323 BCE) Liongate, Mycenae, Greece (c. 1250 BCE) Olmec culture of Mexico
	1050 BCE Shang capital at Anyang; Fu Hao tomb (c. 1200 BCE)	
Western Zhou Dynasty	1050 BCE Defeat of Shang by Zhou	Nubian kingdom of Kush
	771 BCE	
Eastern Zhou Dynasty	771 BCE Spring/Autumn Period	Traditional date of founding of Rome (c. 753 BCE)
	422 BCE Warring States Period	Siddartha Gautama (Buddha) (563-483 BCE) Parthenon, Greece (448-432 BCE) Death of Socrates (399 BCE)
Qin Dynasty	221 BCE	Reign of Ashoka, India (c. 272- 231 BCE) Dead Sea Scrolls (c. 250 BCE)
	206 BCE First Emperor (246-210 BCE)	Rosetta Stone, Egypt (c. 196 BCE)
Han Dynasty	206 BCE Western Han "Shiji" first history of China written by Sima Qian (c. 145 - 90 BCE)	Jesus Christ (c. 4 BCE - 30 CE) Burial of Pompeii (79 CE)
	8 - 25 CE Eastern Han Introduction of Buddhism into China (c. 100 CE) Bronze money tree	Pantheon, Rome(118-128 CE)
	220 CE	