

CHINESE HISTORY

China—a land mass of 4,000,000 square miles facing the western Pacific and alternating between fertile land, high mountains and great rivers—has been the home of the Chinese people for nobody knows how long. The Yellow River, originating at the foot of Mt. Kunlun in the west, meanders eastward for several thousand miles before it empties into the Pacific. On both banks of the Huangho (as it is called in Chinese) are vast stretches of fertile land, once the cradle of Chinese civilization. During the Neolithic period dating back five or six thousand years, they had already made some progress in life and culture.*

The Chinese people are a mixed product of a number of races. With the Hans as the predominant strain, what is known as the Chinese nation was born from the amalgamation and assimilation of such racial stocks as Tung Hu, Mongol, Turki, Tibetan, and Miao. From these cultures as time went on, the Chinese people have developed similar customs, habits, ideas, and beliefs, with similarity of speech and writing.

China and the World

	B. C.	
Emperor Huang Ti (Age of Five Emperors-2357). By this time compass was invented	3000	Age of Pyramids
Emperor Yao	2698	
Emperor Shun	2400	Middle Kingdom in Egypt
Emperor Yu founded Hsia dynasty	2357	
Emperor T'ang ended Hsia dynasty and founded Shang dynasty (1766-1122)	2255	
Emperor Wu ended Shang dynasty and founded Chou dynasty (1122-256)	2197	
Beginning of the period of Spring and Autumn (-481)	2000	Mycenaean civilization (-1500)
	1766	
	1550	Hebrews migrated into Egypt
	1194	Trojan War (-1184)
	1122	
	1100	Saul founded Kingdom of Israel
	1000	Zoroaster
	900	Age of Homer
	814	Phoenicians founded city of Carthage
	753	Founding of Rome
	722	
	586	Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and took Hebrews into captivity in Babylon
	560	By this time Cyrus established and ruled Persian Empire
	557	Gautama Sakyamuni (-477)

Confucius (-479)	551	
	509	Rome proclaimed a republic
	469	Socrates (-399)
Period of Warring States (-221)	403	
Mencius (-289)	372	
	356	Alexander the Great (-323)
Chü Yuan, statesman and poet, died	299	
	264	First Punic War (-241)
End of Chou dynasty	256	
Emperor Shih Huang unified China and founded Ch'in dynasty	221	
	218	Second Punic War (-201)
Construction of the Great Wall	214	
Emperor Kao Tsu ended the Ch'in's and founded Han dynasty	207	
Westward expedition of Chang Chien	122	
	60	First Triumvirate, Caesar, Crassus, and Pompey
	44	Caesar assassinated
	31	Reign of Augustus (-14 A.D.)
	4	Birth of Jesus Christ
Introduction of Buddhism into China. By this time gunpowder was invented	1	A.D.
End of Western Han dynasty	8	
Emperor Kuang Wu founded Eastern Han Dynasty	25	
	54	Reign of Nero (-68)
Japan paid tribute to China; beginning of Sino-Japanese relations	57	
	70	Desctruction of Jerusalem

Tsai Lun invented paper	89	
Russia paid tribute to China	166	
End of Han dynasty and beginning of the Three Kingdoms	220	
Emperor Wu founded Tsin dynasty	265	
	330	Emperor Constantine trans- ferred court to Constantinople
	392	Christianity established as state religion of Roman Empire. Ro- man Empire split definitively
	395	Roman Empire split in two
End of Tsin dynasty and beginning of period of Northern and Southern dynasties	420	
	449	By this time Anglo-Saxons established in Britain
	476	End of Western Roman Empire
	493	Theodoric the Ostrogoth con- quered Italy and became King of Italy
Emperor Wen founded Sui dynasty	589	
	590	Pope Gregory the Great (-604)
Emperor Kao Tsu founded T'ang dynasty	618	
	622	The Hegira or flight of Mo- hammed. Beginning of Mo- hammedan calendar
Introduction of Nestorianism into China. By this time printing techniques were invented	635	
Li po, famous poet (-762)	701	
Tu Fu, famous poet (-770)	712	
Rebellion of An Lu-shan	755	
	771	Charlemagne unified the King- dom of the Franks

	800	Charlemagne crowned Emperor of Roman Empire
End of Tang dynasty and beginning of Five Dynasties (-959)	906	
Emperor Tai Tsu founded Sung dynasty	960	
	962	Otto the Great crowned Holy Roman Emperor in Rome
By this time Pi Sheng invented movable type printing	1041	
	1066	Conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy
	1096	First Crusade (-99)
Yueh Fei, famous general (-1141)	1103	
Founding of Kin dynasty	1115	
Emperors Hui Tsung and Chin Tsung took captives by the Kins	1127	
Chu Hsi, philosopher (-1200)	1130	
	1200	Founding of universities of Paris and of Oxford
	1206	Temuchin unified Mongolian Tribes and proclaimed Genghis Khan
	1215	Magna Carta signed
Mongols occupied Kin	1234	
	1240	Mongols conquered Russia
	1265	Dante (-1321)
	1271	Marco Polo started upon his travels
Kublai Khan founded Yuan dynasty	1280	
	1334	The Hundred Years' War (-1453)
Emperor Tai Tsu drove Mongols out of China and founded Ming dynasty	1368	
	1378	The Great Schism

Cheng Ho's South Sea expedition	1405	
	1431	Joan of Arc burned at Rouen
	1438	Gutenberg invented movable type for printing
	1453	End of Eastern Roman Empire
Wang Yang-ming, philosopher (-1529)	1471	
	1492	Columbus discovered America
	1517	Martin Luther launched reform of the Church
	1519	Magellan's circumnavigation of the globe
	1558	Elizabeth, Queen of England (-1603)
	1564	Shakespeare born
Matteo Ricci arrived at Nanking	1587	
	1618	The Thirty Years' War (-48)
Cheng Cheng-kung (Koxinga) (-1662)	1624	Dutch occupied Taiwan (-42)
	1643	Louis XIV, King of France (-1715)
Emperor Shun Chih occupied Peiping and founded Ching dynasty	1644	
Koxinga occupied Taiwan	1661	
Emperor Kang Hsi (-1722)	1661	
	1672	Peter the Great Emperor of Russia (-1725)
Emperor Chien Lung (-1795)	1736	
	1756	The Seven Years' War (-63)
Occupation of Sinkiang	1760	
	1764	Watt invented steam engine
	1776	US independence
Completion of Imperial Encyclopedia (Ssu Ku)	1782	
	1789	French revolution
	1815	Napoleon I defeated at Waterloo
	1822	Brazil proclaimed independence

Opium War	1840	
Outbreak of Taiping Rebellion (-64)	1850	
Dr. Sun Yat-sen (-1925)	1861	Outbreak of American Civil War
	1866	
	1869	Opening of Suez Canal
	1870	Franco-Prussian War
Construction of first railway from Tientsin to Taku	1888	
Dr. Sun Yat-sen founded Hsing Chung Hui	1894	
Boxers Uprising	1900	
	1904	Russo-Japanese war (-1905)
	1910	Japan occupied Korea
Founding of the Republic of China	1911	
	1914	First World War (-19) Opening of Panama Canal
Yuan Shih-kai proclaimed Emperor	1915	
	1917	Communists seized power in Russia
Literary revolution launched after May Fourth Movement	1919	
	1920	Founding of League of Nations
Northward Expedition of Chinese Revolutionary Army	1922	
Japan provoked Manchurian Incident	1931	
	1936	Outbreak of Civil War in Spain
Outbreak of Sino-Japanese War	1937	
	1939	Outbreak of World II
Japan surrendered	1945	Founding of UNO. First atom bomb in History dropped on Hiroshima
Promulgation of Constitution of the Republic	1947	India proclaimed independence
Transfer of National Govern- ment to Taiwan	1949	

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