China Timeline

1750 BC-----Shang Dynasty built the first Chinese cities. They used armies and bronze weapons to conquer nearby areas. Shang kings instituted warlords to govern the kingdom’s territories.

**1045 BC-----**Zhou dynasty replaces Shang as dominant force across northern China

* Mandate of Heaven-the king was chosen by god because of his talent and virtue. Therefore, he would rule the people with goodness and wisdom. A natural disaster was a sign that he had failed to do his duty and the people had the right to overthrow him.
* Feudalism- *The kingdom was divided into smaller territories, each ruled by aristocrats.*
  + *These ruling aristocratic positions were hereditary*
    - *Forced peasants to serve in the army (by law)*

**770 BC** - Zhou state collapses into loose association of warring states, known as the Eastern Zhou.

500-300 BC-----Daoist teachings of Laozi became popular.

403 BC-200 BC-----Fighting breaks out among states (“Period of Warring States”)

246 BC-----Qin ascends the throne at age 13.

232-221 BC-----Qin campaigns against the remaining 6 warring states and finally succeeds.

**221-206 BC** - King Ying Zheng of Qin for the first time unites much of the Chinese heartland, becomes the first ruler to use the title "emperor" as Qin Shihuangdi

* Forced farmers to build 1st Great Wall of China
* Had the terra-cotta army built
* Promotes Confucianism as the state philosophy
* Burned scholars books

202 BC-----Han dynasty is founded by Lui Bang: first durable state governing the entire Chinese heartland, ushers in first Chinese cultural "golden age", growth in money economy

200 BC -----Chinese merchants began using the Silk Road.

200s BC-----Legalism is developed by Hanfeizi.

100s AD-----Merchants and scholars brought Buddhism from India to China.

190 AD-----a rebel army attacked the Han capital, Luoyang.

220 AD-----Han Dynasty collapses and China was in civil war for 4 centuries and northern nomads invaded the country

**618-907** AD----- Tang Dynasty unites China