

Chinese Dynasties Reference Sheet

China Geography and Highlights of the Chinese Dynasties



Geography

China is in Southeastern Asia and can be considered the most geographically diverse region among the Ancient Civilizations. There are two major rivers, the **Yangtze River** and **Huang He** (Yellow River) though Ancient China began mostly around the Yellow River.

- Fertile lowland dots the Southern coast and Eastern plain making them the main agricultural sectors.
- South of the Yangtze are mountainous.
- Northern and Western China are dominated by sunken basins (like the Gobi Desert) and partly by the Tibetan Plateau (an area of higher land) making it much less of an agricultural area.
- Chinese populations are normally focused around the Chinese Central Plain (around the Yellow River and between the Yellow/Yangtze Rivers).

Shang Dynasty

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