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| **Shang Dynasty dates**  |   |
| 1760 BCE  | Reign of Tang, first Shang king, begins |
| 1700-1600 BCE  | [First bronze vessels](http://www.isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic12562.files/bronzes/bronze_intro.html), used in rituals |
| 1500 BCE  | Evidence of silk-making and horse-drawn vehicles  |
| ca. 1400 BCE  | Shang capital moved to Anyang |
| 1380-1110 BCE  | [Oracle bones](http://www.isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic12562.files/0.html) used for divination; earliest form of Chinese language |
| ca. 1200 BCE  | War chariots used, along with bronze weapons  |
| ca. 1050 BCE  | End of Shang, beginning of Zhou  |
| **Zhou Dynasty dates** |   |
| 771 BCE  | Zhou capital moved east |
| 550-479 BCE | Life of Confucius |
| ca. 500 BCE | Iron begins to be used in China |
| 369-286 BCE | Life of Zhuangzi |
| 300-250 BCE | Present edition of *Daodejing* written; original may be much older |
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