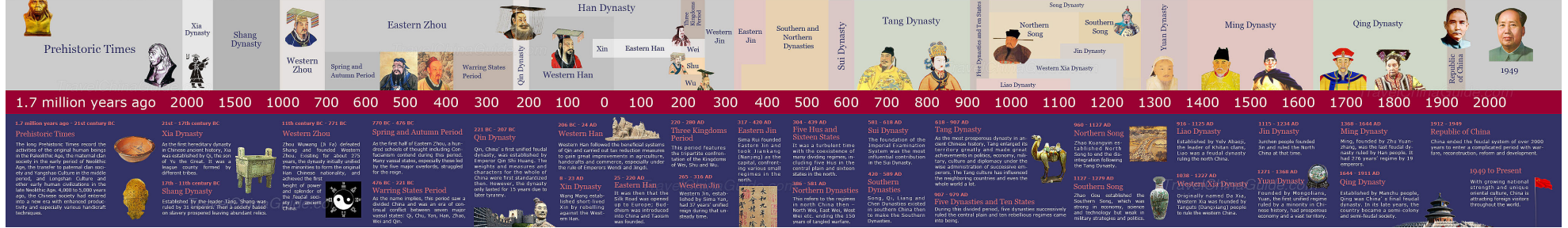


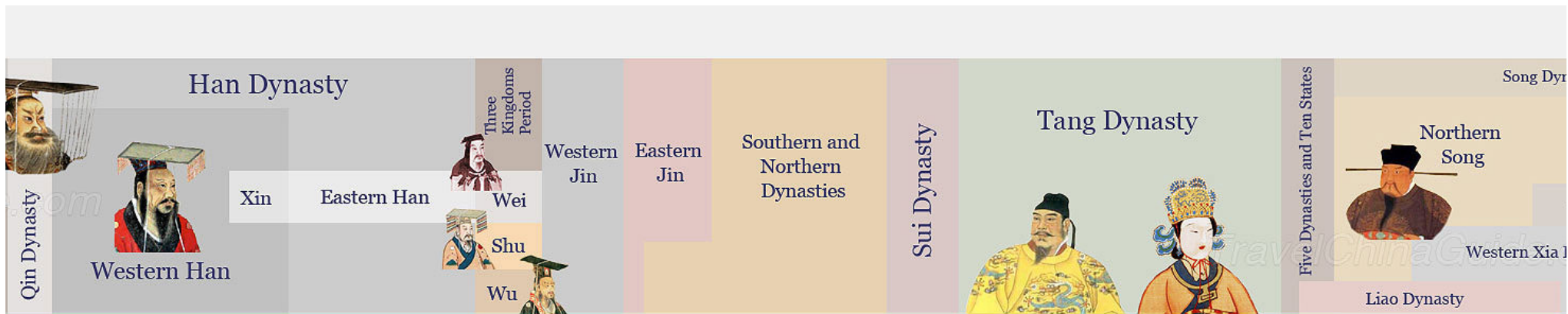
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206 BC - 24 AD
Western Han



Western Han followed the beneficial systems of Qin and carried out tax reduction measures to gain great improvements in agriculture, handcrafts and commerce, especially under the rule of Emperors Wendi and Jingdi.

8 - 23 AD
Xin Dynasty

Wang Mang established short-lived Xin by rebelling against the Western Han.

25 - 220 AD
Eastern Han

It was then that the Silk Road was opened up to Europe; Buddhism was introduced into China and Taoism was founded.

220 - 280 AD
Three Kingdoms Period

This period features the tripartite confrontation of the Kingdoms of Wei, Shu and Wu.

265 - 316 AD
Western Jin

Western Jin, established by Sima Yan, had 37 years' unified reign during that unsteady time.

317 - 420 AD
Eastern Jin

Sima Rui founded Eastern Jin and took Jiankang (Nanjing) as the capital, confronting various small regimes in the north.



304 - 439 AD
Five Huns and Sixteen States

It was a turbulent time with the coexistence of many dividing regimes, including five Huns in the central plain and sixteen states in the north.

386 - 581 AD
Northern Dynasties

This refers to the regimes in north China then - North Wei, East Wei, West Wei etc. ending the 150 years of tangled warfare.

581 - 618 AD
Sui Dynasty

The foundation of the Imperial Examination System was the most influential contribution in the Sui Dynasty.

420 - 589 AD
Southern Dynasties

Song, Qi, Liang and Chen Dynasties existed in southern China then to make the Southern Dynasties.

618 - 907 AD
Tang Dynasty

As the most prosperous dynasty in ancient Chinese history, Tang enlarged its territory greatly and made great achievements in politics, economy, military, culture and diplomacy under the wise administration of successive emperors. The Tang culture has influenced the neighboring countries and even the whole world a lot.



907 - 979 AD
Five Dynasties and Ten States

During this divided period, five dynasties successively ruled the central plain and ten rebellious regimes came into being.





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