

## Ancient China Timeline

### Step #1

On another piece of paper, label it "Ancient China Timeline". Then place your name and date on the back of it.

### Step #2

Draw a straight line across the front of the paper.

### Step #3

Using a ruler, mark every inch across the line.

### Step #4

On the first mark on the left side of the line, label it 1600 B.C.. Then, along all of the 1 inch marks, label them by every 1 inch = 200 years. (note that these dates are BC so numbers go backwards). Label the scale on the paper.

### Step #5

Put each of the dates below on your timeline where they appropriately fit. Make sure you have 10 events.

**1500 BC – First Chinese stoneware pottery**

**1200 BC – First evidence of Chinese writing**

**551 BC – Confucius is born**

**500 BC – Chinese first use coins**

**400 BC – Magnetic compass invented**

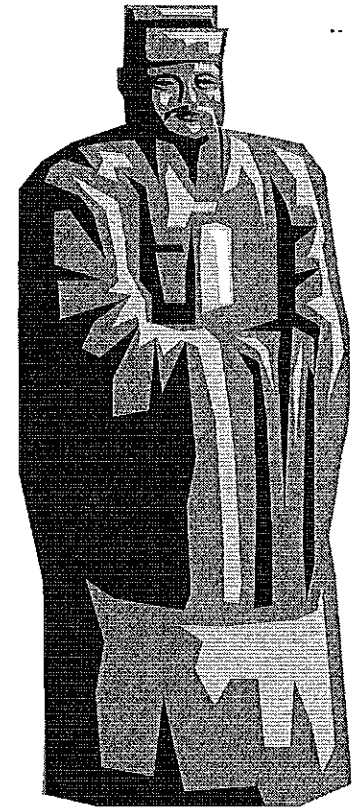
**220 BC – The terracotta army is built**

**150 BC – Invented paper**

**100 BC - Wheelbarrows are invented**

**28 BC – Chinese astronomers first observe sunspots**

**132 AD – Invented the seismograph**



### Step #6

Use colors or some different type of marks and add the following time periods to your timeline. You must use 4 different colors or types of marks. Be sure to label each time period.

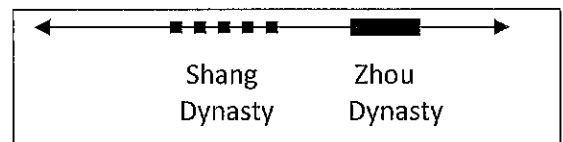
**1500 BC – 1050 BC - Shang Dynasty**

**1050 BC – 256 BC - Zhou Dynasty**

**221 BC – 206 BC - Qin Dynasty**

**206 BC – 220 AD - Han Dynasty**

EXAMPLE



### Step #7

Answer the following questions on the back of your timeline.

- 1.) What year was Confucius born?
- 2.) Which was invented first – paper or the wheelbarrow?
- 3.) How many years are there between when there was the first evidence of Chinese writing and when paper was invented?
- 4.) Would the Chinese have used wheelbarrows to build the terracotta army? How do you know?
- 5.) Which dynasty was Confucius a part of?
- 6.) Did the Han Dynasty rule before or after the Zhou Dynasty?
- 7.) Which dynasty ruled the longest?
- 8.) During which dynasty did Chinese astronomers first observe sunspots?