

### Survey of Chinese historical achievements prior to 1850

Using the links below, explore the basic outlines of Chinese civilization. Your work should be completed in groups. It is due at the end of the period and will be checked at the beginning of class tomorrow.

1. What dynasty marks the beginning of Chinese civilization? When did this dynasty begin? How long has Chinese civilization continuously existed?
2. List, date and explain the significance of 3 major Chinese inventions.
3. What were the three major schools of philosophical thought that emerged during the late Chou period and influenced all of the rest of Chinese history? Describe the main ideas of the most influential of these schools of thought.
4. How are Chinese languages written? How old is this system of writing? How does it differ from our language?