

Art & History in Modern China

Introduction; Late Imperial China

CHINA: CRADLE, CORE AND CURRENT PROVINCES

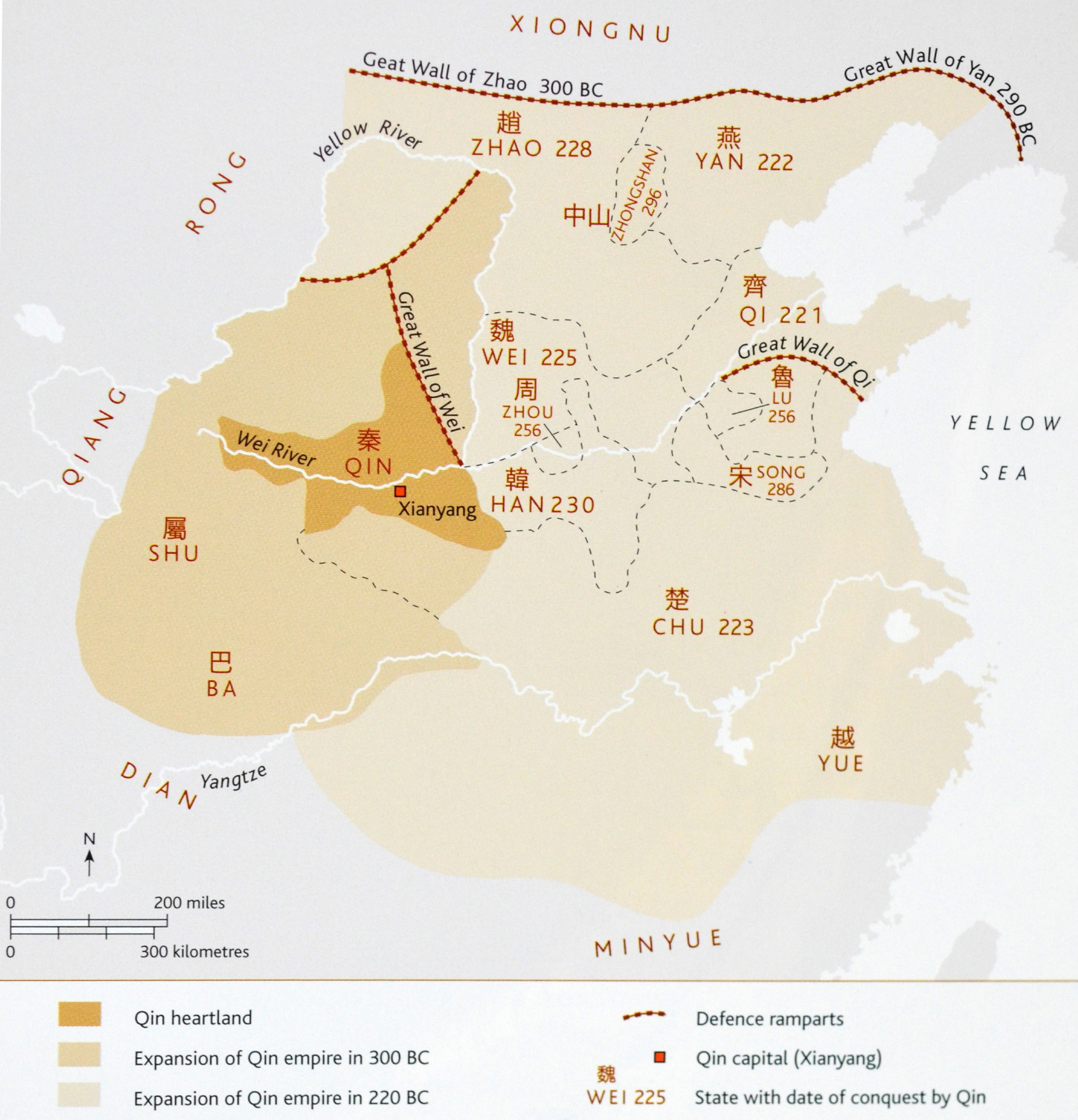




Warring States period (476–221 BCE)



Tomb of the First Emperor of Qin (259–210 BCE)



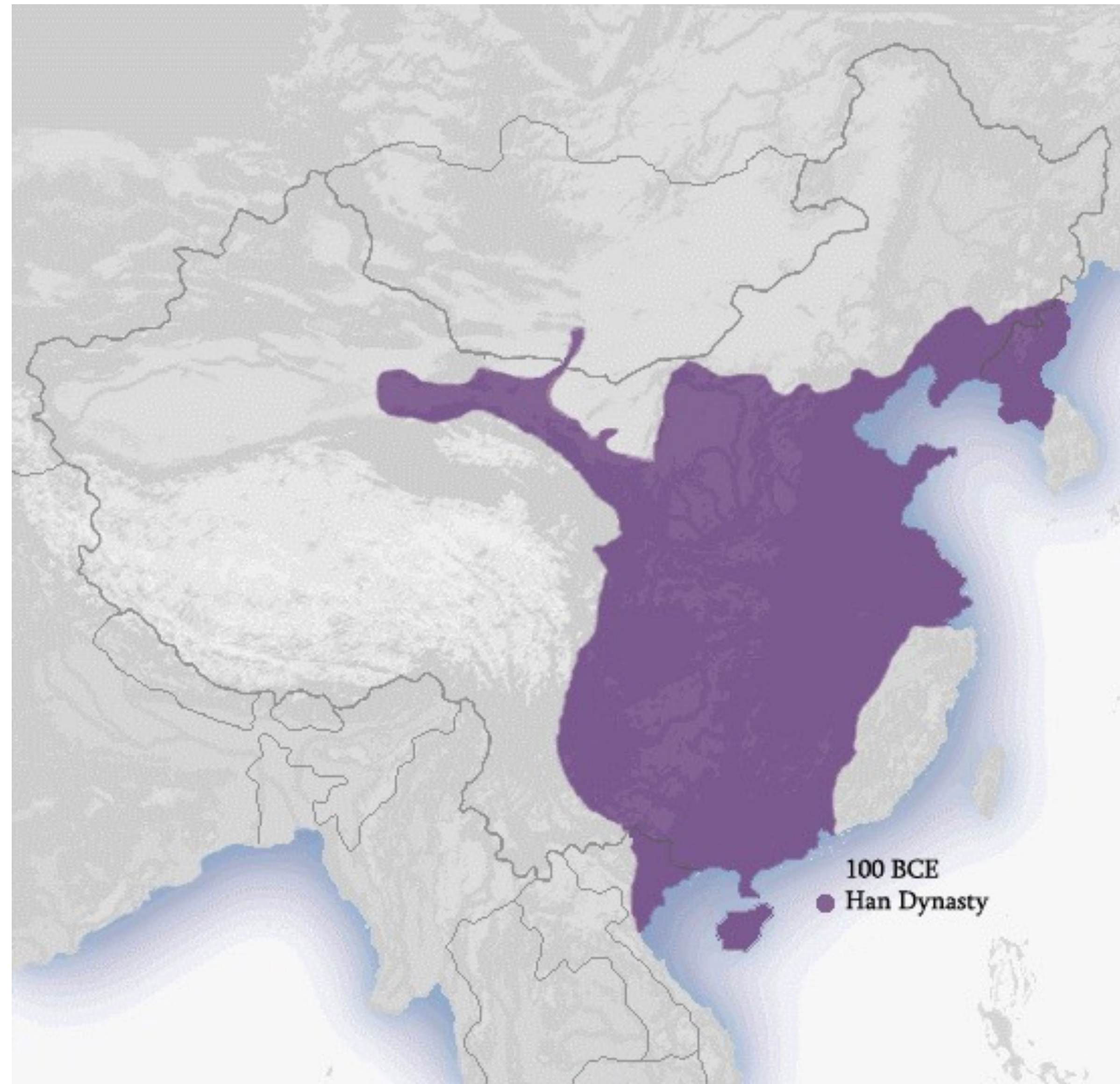


Army of the First Emperor of Qin

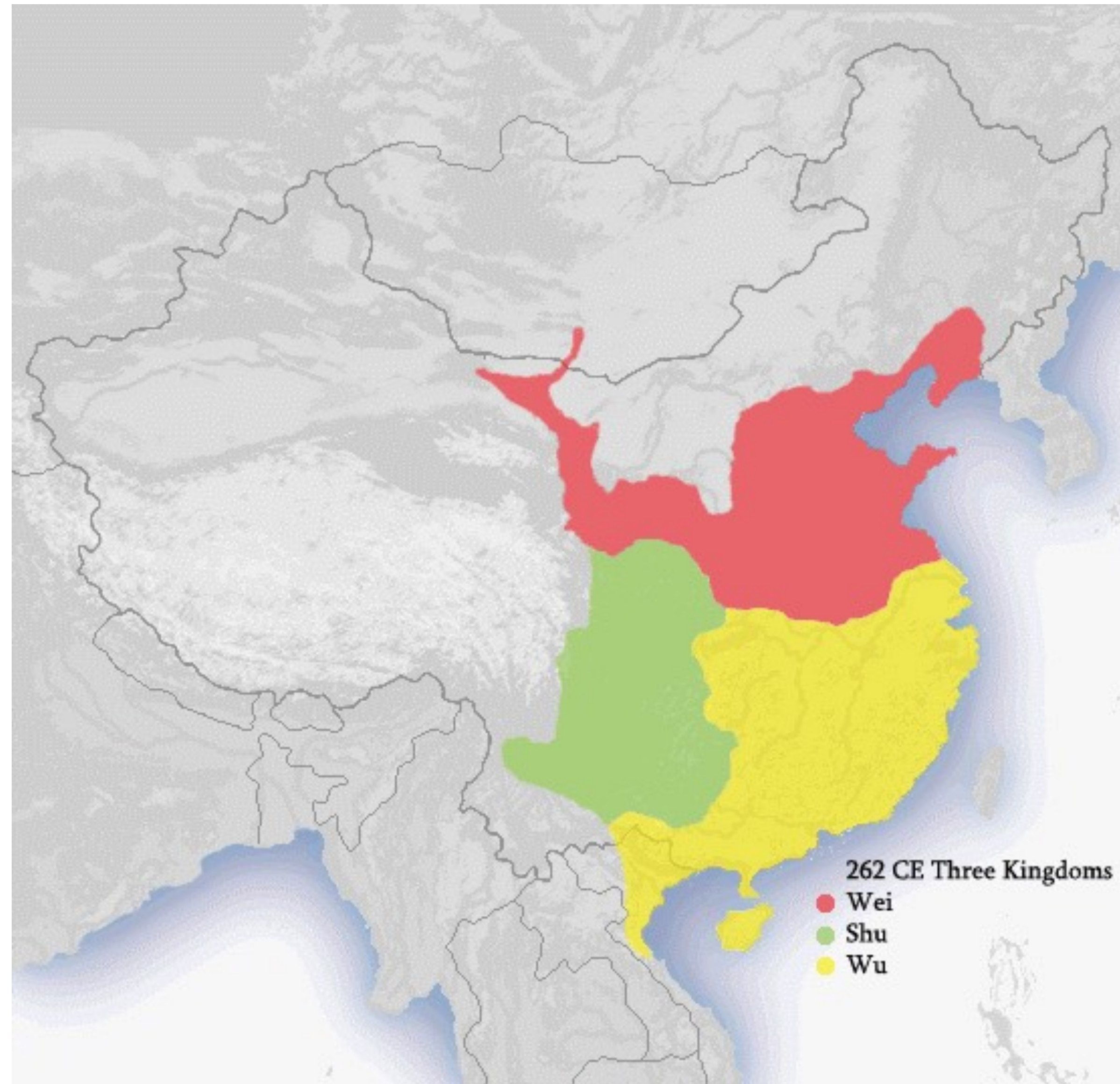




Qin dynasty (221–206 BCE)



Han dynasty (206 BCE–220 CE)



Three Kingdoms period (220–280)



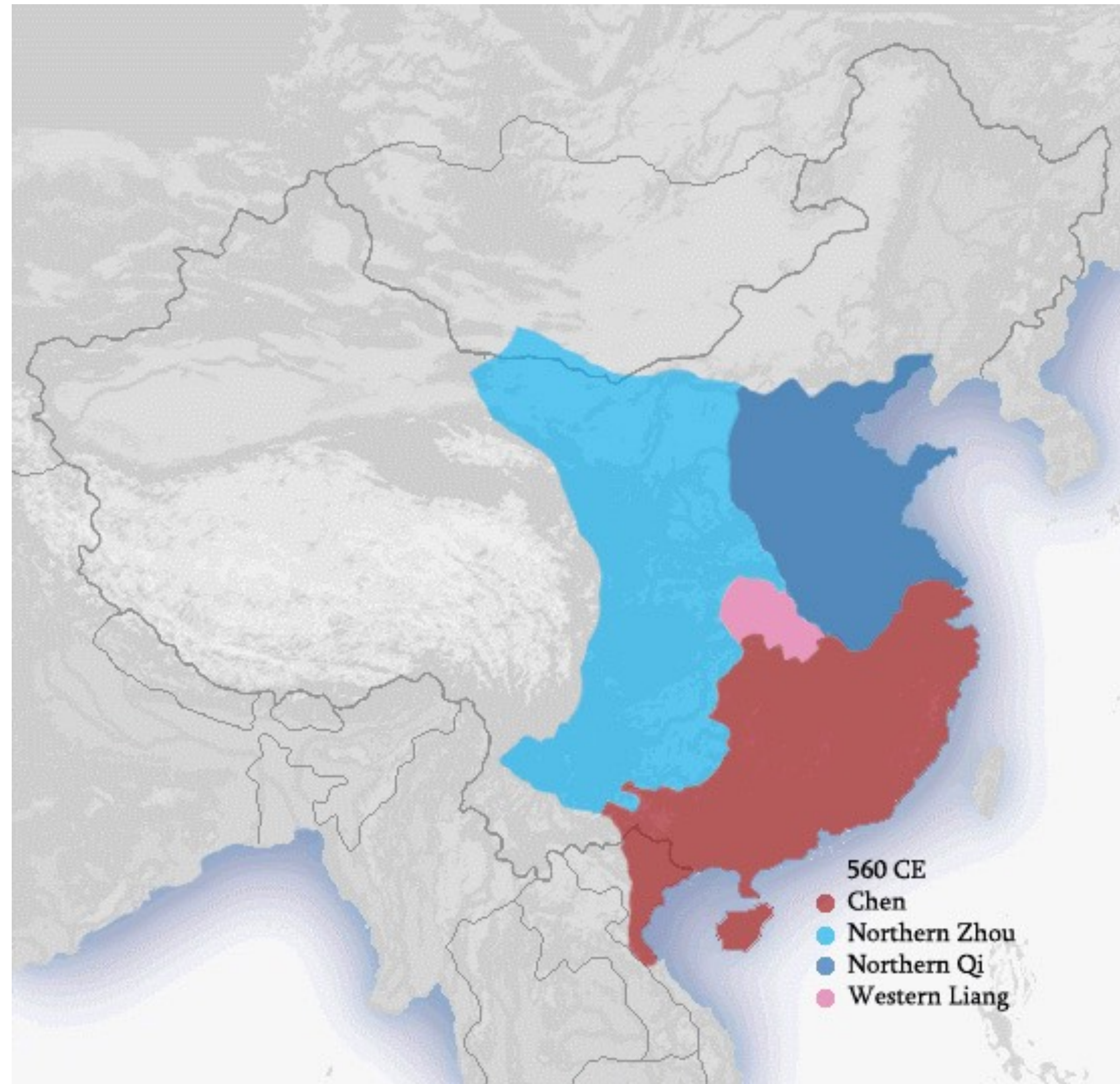
Western Jin dynasty (265–316)



Eastern Jin dynasty (317–420)



Northern and Southern Dynasties I (420–534)



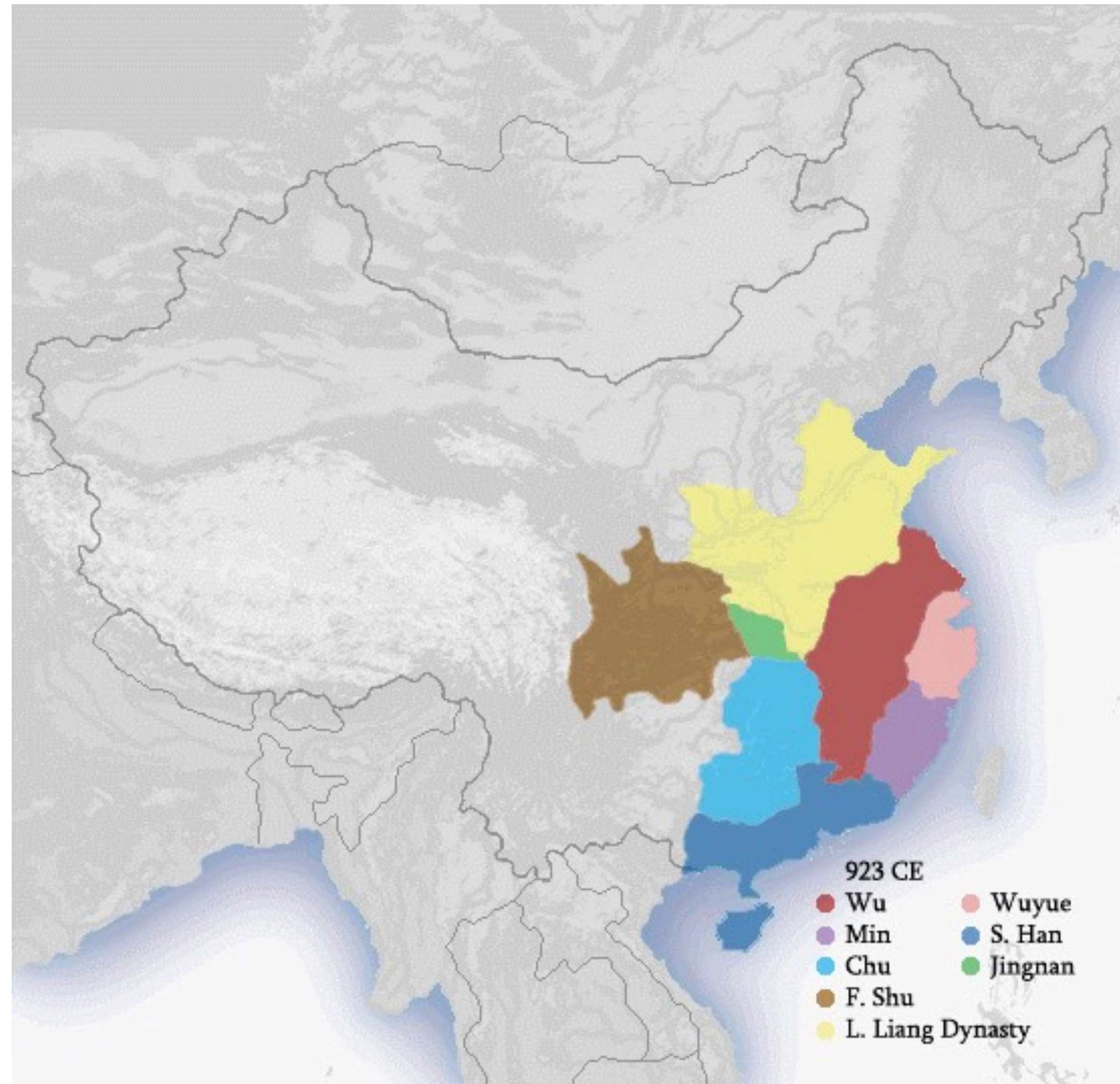
Northern and Southern Dynasties II (534–589)



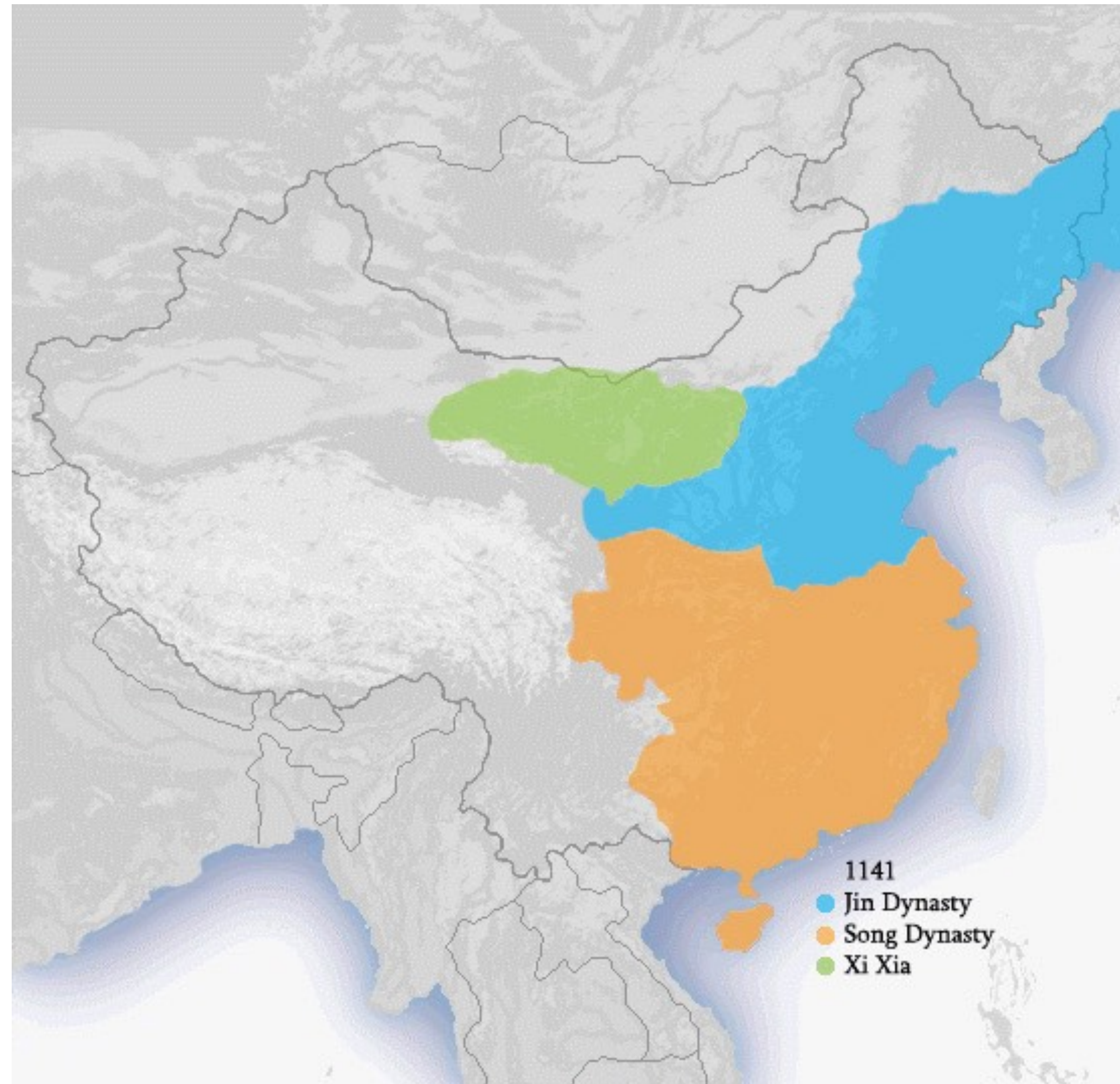
Sui dynasty (581–618)



Tang dynasty (618–907)



Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms period (907–960)



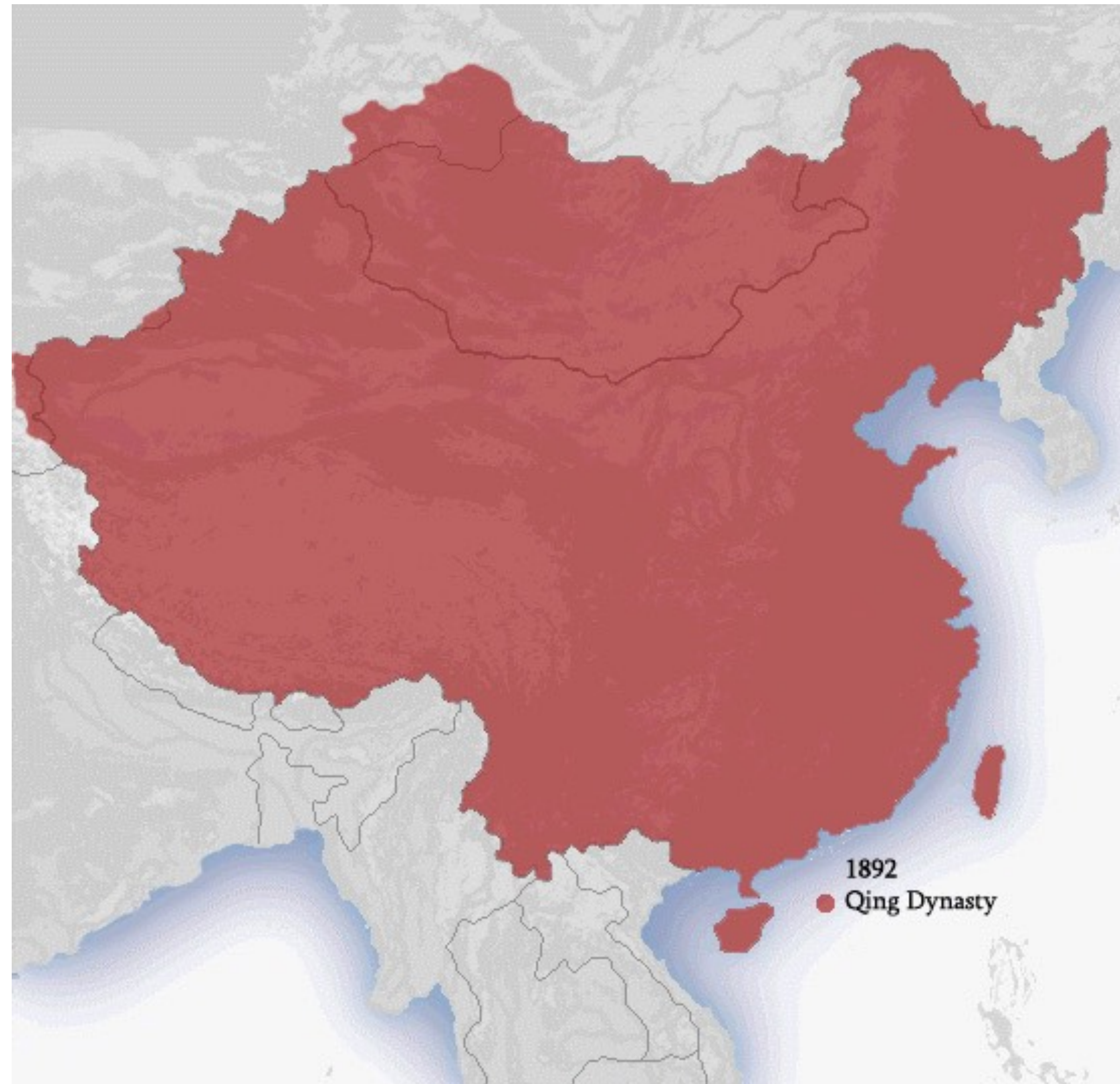
Southern Song dynasty (1127–1279)



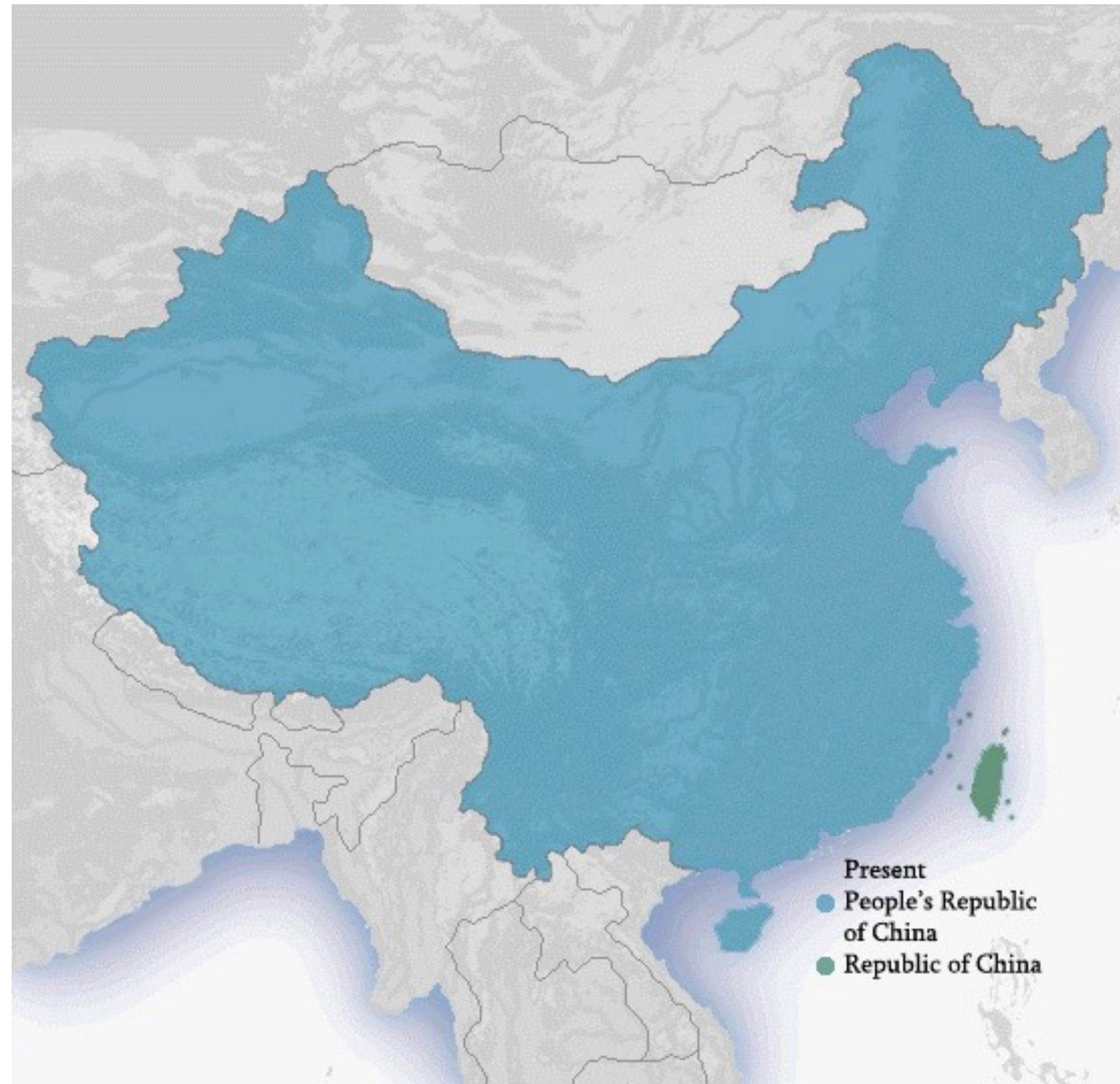
Yuan dynasty (1271–1368) [Mongol Empire]



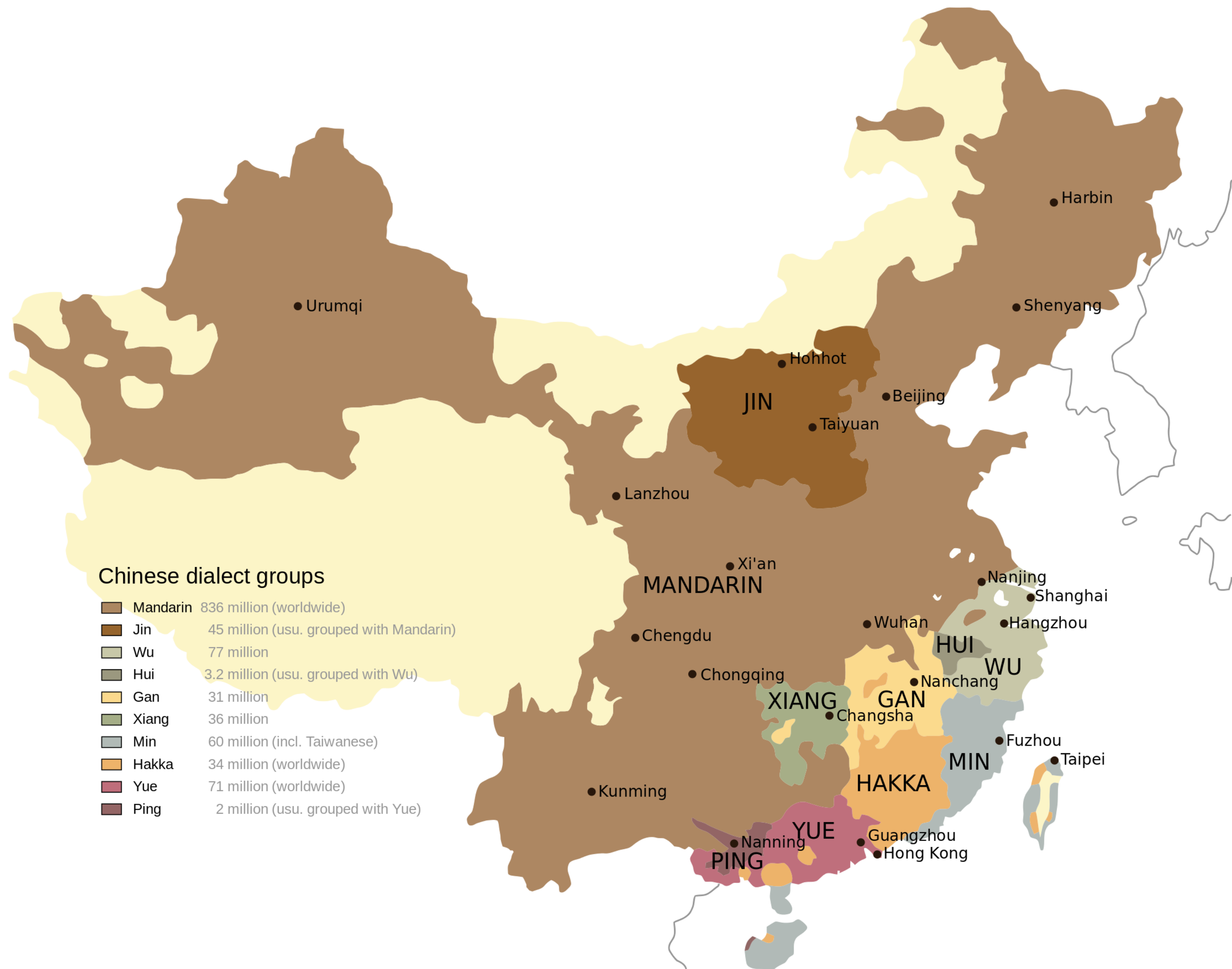
Ming dynasty (1368–1644)



Qing dynasty (1644–1911)



People's Republic of China (1949–present)



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PERIODIC TABLE OF PINYIN

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| INITIALS | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|------|
| 1 B | 2 P | 3 M | 4 F |
| 5 D | 6 T | 7 N | 8 L |
| 9 Z | 10 C | 11 S | |
| 12 ZH | 13 CH | 14 SH | 15 R |
| 16 J | 17 Q | 18 X | |
| 19 G | 20 K | 21 H | |
| 22 Y | 23 W | | |

| FINALS | | | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 A | 2 AI | 3 AN | 4 ANG | 5 AO |
| 6 O | 7 n/a ONG | 8 OU | | |
| 9 E | 10 EI | 11 EN | 12 ENG | 13 ER |
| 14 n/a -I | | | | |
| 15 YI I | 16 YA IA | 17 YAN IAN | 18 YANG IANG | 19 YAO IAO |
| 20 YE IE | 21 YIN IN | 22 YING ING | 24 YOU IOU | 23 YONG IONG |
| 25 WU U | 26 WA UA | 27 WAI UAI | 28 WAN UAN | 29 WANG UANG |
| 30 WEI UEI | 31 WEN UEN | 32 WENG UENG | 33 WO UO | |
| 34 YU Ü | 35 YUE ÜE | 36 YUAN ÜAN | 37 YUN ÜN | |

KEY



COLOR

- LIP SOUNDS
- BEHIND UPPER TEETH EASY
- BEHIND UPPER TEETH RIGID
- ROLL TONGUE SOUNDS
- TONGUE SPLITTING
- THROAT SOUNDS
- PSEUDO INITIALS
- FINALS

REWRITING

WITHOUT AN INITIAL, SOME FINALS CHANGE
Notice how I, U and Ü are rewritten if there is no initial in a pinyin syllable.

PUFF OF AIR

- SLIGHT PUFF OF AIR**
Like the word for pig, which is 猪 (zhū) in Chinese
- STRONG PUFF OF AIR (ASPIRATED)**
Like the word for rabbit 兔 (tù), which sounds almost like the word for to spit 吐 (tǔ)

TRICKY VOWELS

- I IT ISN'T AN "I"**
In Zi, Ci, Si, Zhi, Chi, Shi and Ri, the 'i' is not pronounced like 'ee' in tree.
- Ü IT ISN'T A 'U'**
In any syllable with both a U and a J, Q or X, the U is always really a Ü. See also finals with Ü.
- A THIS 'A' IS DIFFERENT**
In the finals IAN and ÜAN, the A is not the same as in other finals. It is like 'a' in 'ban'.

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PINYIN CHART



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|  | a | ai | ao | an | ang | o | ong | ou | e | ei | en | eng | er | i | ia | iao | ie | iu | ian | iang | in | ing | iong | u | ua | uo | ui | uai | uan | un | uang | ueng | ü | üe | üan | ün | |
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| | a | ai | ao | an | ang | o | | ou | e | | en | eng | er | yi | ya | yao | ye | you | yan | yang | yin | ying | yong | wu | wa | wo | wei | wai | wan | wen | wang | weng | yu | yue | yuan | yun | |
| b | ba | bai | bao | ban | bang | bo | | | | bei | ben | beng | | bi | | biao | bie | | bian | | bin | bing | | bu | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| p | pa | pai | pao | pan | pang | po | | pou | | pei | pen | peng | | pi | | piao | pie | | pian | | pin | ping | | pu | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| m | ma | mai | mao | man | mang | mo | | mou | me | mei | men | meng | | mi | | miao | mie | miu | mian | | min | ming | | mu | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f | fa | | | fan | fang | fo | | fou | | fei | fen | feng | | | | | | | | | | | | fu | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d | da | dai | dao | dan | dang | | dong | dou | de | dei | den | deng | | di | | diao | die | diu | dian | | | ding | | du | | duo | dui | | duan | dun | | | | | | | |
| t | ta | tai | tao | tan | tang | | tong | tou | te | tei | | teng | | ti | | tiao | tie | | tian | | | ting | | tu | | tuo | tui | | tuan | tun | | | | | | | |
| n | na | nai | nao | nan | nang | | nong | nou | ne | nei | nen | neng | | ni | | niao | nie | niu | nian | niang | nin | ning | | nu | | nuo | | | nuan | | | | | nü | nüe | | |
| l | la | lai | lao | lan | lang | | long | lou | le | lei | | leng | | li | lia | liao | lie | liu | lian | liang | lin | ling | | lu | | luo | | | luan | lun | | | | lǚ | lüe | | |
| g | ga | gai | gao | gan | gang | | gong | gou | ge | gei | gen | geng | | | | | | | | | | | | gu | gua | guo | gui | guai | guan | gun | guang | | | | | | |
| k | ka | kai | kao | kan | kang | | kong | kou | ke | kei | ken | keng | | | | | | | | | | | | ku | kua | kuo | kui | kuai | kuan | kun | kuang | | | | | | |
| h | ha | hai | hao | han | hang | | hong | hou | he | hei | hen | heng | | | | | | | | | | | | hu | hua | huo | hui | huai | huan | hun | huang | | | | | | |
| z | za | zai | zao | zan | zang | | zong | zou | ze | zei | zen | zeng | | zi | | | | | | | | | | zu | | zuo | zui | | zuan | zun | | | | | | | |
| c | ca | cai | cao | can | cang | | cong | cou | ce | | cen | ceng | | ci | | | | | | | | | | cu | | cuo | cui | | cuan | cun | | | | | | | |
| s | sa | sai | sao | san | sang | | song | sou | se | | sen | seng | | si | | | | | | | | | | su | | suo | sui | | suan | sun | | | | | | | |
| zh | zha | zhai | zhao | zhan | zhang | | zhong | zhou | zhe | zhei | zhen | zheng | | zhi | | | | | | | | | | zhu | zhua | zhuo | zhui | zhuai | zhuai | zhuan | zhun | zhuang | | | | | |
| ch | cha | chai | chao | chan | chang | | chong | chou | che | | chen | cheng | | chi | | | | | | | | | | chu | chua | chuo | chui | chuai | chuan | chun | chuang | | | | | | |
| sh | sha | shai | shao | shan | shang | | | shou | she | shei | shen | sheng | | shi | | | | | | | | | | shu | shua | shuo | shui | shuai | shuan | shun | shuang | | | | | | |
| r | | | rao | ran | rang | | rong | rou | re | | ren | reng | | ri | | | | | | | | | | ru | rua | ruo | ruì | | ruan | run | | | | | | | |
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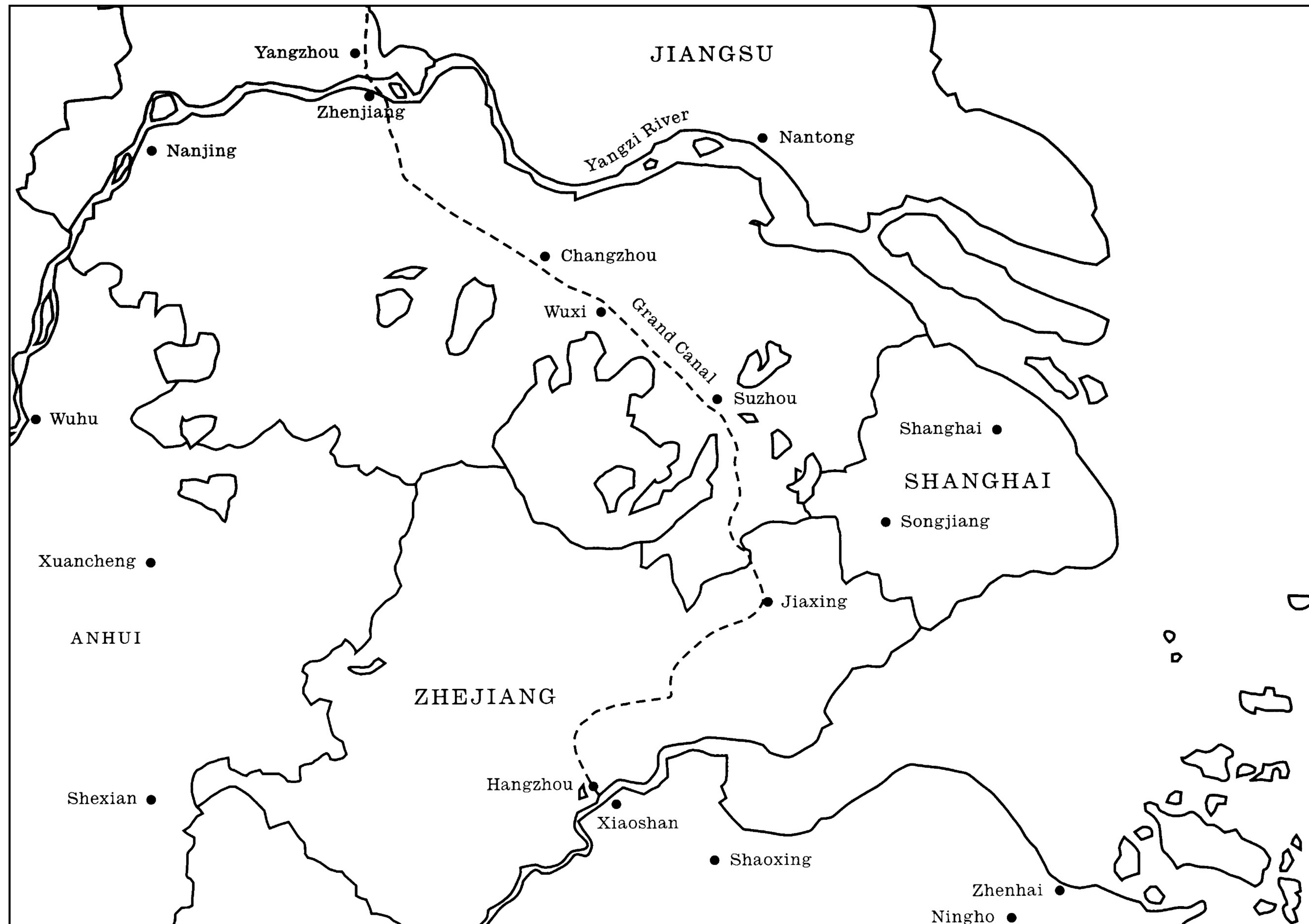


CORE PROVINCES

- Shandong 山東 = “East of the Mountains” (Taihang Mountains = Taihangshan 太行山)
- Shanxi (Shānxi) 山西 = “West of the Mountains”
- Shaanxi (Shǎnxi) 陝西 = “West of the Pass”
- Hebei 河北 = “North of the [Yellow] River” (Yellow River = Huanghe 黃河)
- Henan 河南 = “South of the [Yellow] River”
- Hubei 湖北 = “North of the Lake” (Lake Dongting = Dongtinghu 洞庭湖)
- Hunan 湖南 = “South of the Lake”

CORE PROVINCES

- Guangdong 廣東 = “Eastern Guang” (Pearl River = Yuejiang 粵江 “Yue River”)
- Guangxi 廣西 = “Western Guang”
- Yunnan 雲南 = “South of the Clouds”
- Sichuan 四川 = “Four Rivers”
- Jiangxi 江西 = “West of Jiang(nan)” (Yangzi River = Changjiang 長江 “Long River”)
- Zhejiang 浙江 = “Zhe River” (historical name of Qiantang River 錢塘江)
- Jiangsu 江蘇; Fujian 福建; Anhui 安徽; Gansu 甘肅



Jiangnan 江南 region = “South of the [Yangzi] River”
[Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui]

MAJOR CITIES

- Beijing [Peking] 北京 = “Northern Capital”
- Nanjing 南京 = “Southern Capital”
- Xi'an 西安 = (formerly Chang'an 長安, eastern terminus of the Silk Road)
- Shanghai 上海 = “[City] on the Sea”
- Hangzhou 杭州 (southern terminus of the Grand Canal)
- Suzhou 蘇州 (on Lake Tai = Taihu 太湖 “Great Lake”)
- Wuhan 武漢 (on Yangtze River in central China, transportation hub)
- Guangzhou 廣州 = [Canton]



Matteo Ricci (1552–1610)



Life and Works of Confucius (551–479 BCE), 1687



Naitō Konan (1866–1934)







Zhu Yuanzhang (1328–1398)
Hongwu emperor (r. 1368–1398) [Ming dynasty]



Zhu Di (1360–1424)
Yongle emperor (r. 1402–1424) [Ming dynasty]



Portrait of an official in front of the Forbidden City
Ming dynasty, ca. 1550



Xu Yang (active at court 1751–1776), *Prosperous Suzhou* (section) [1759]







Three Feudatories Rebellion (1673–1681)



Kangxi emperor (r. 1662–1723) [Qing dynasty]



*Portrait of Kangxi
reading in his study
[1699]*



Kangxi with calligraphy brush and ink
[ca. 1680]



Yongzheng as Mi Fu (1051–1107)
[ca. 1730]



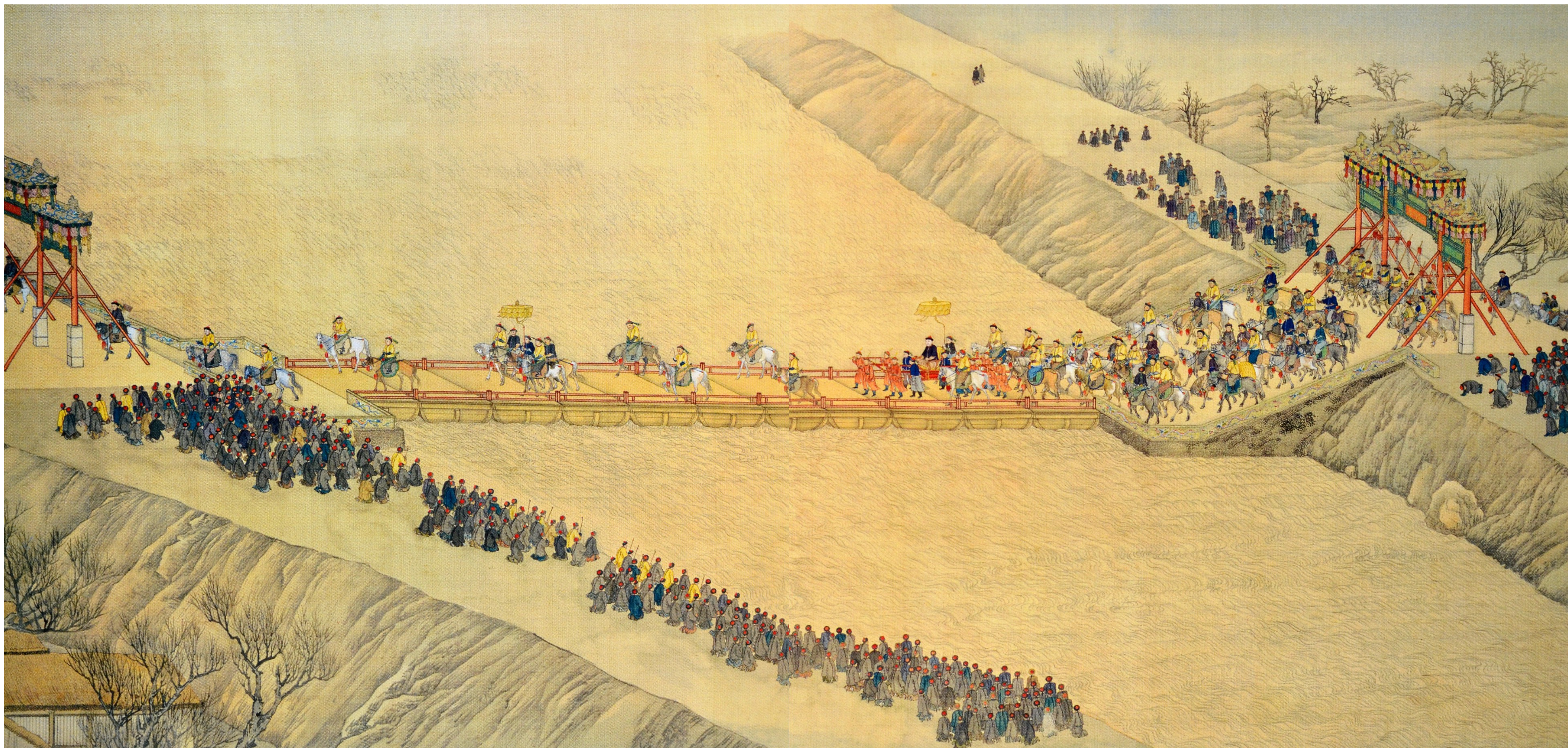
Giuseppe Castiglione (1688–1766), *Inauguration Portraits of the Qianlong Emperor, the Empress, and Eleven Imperial Consorts: Mind-Picture of a Well-Governed and Tranquil Reign* [1736]



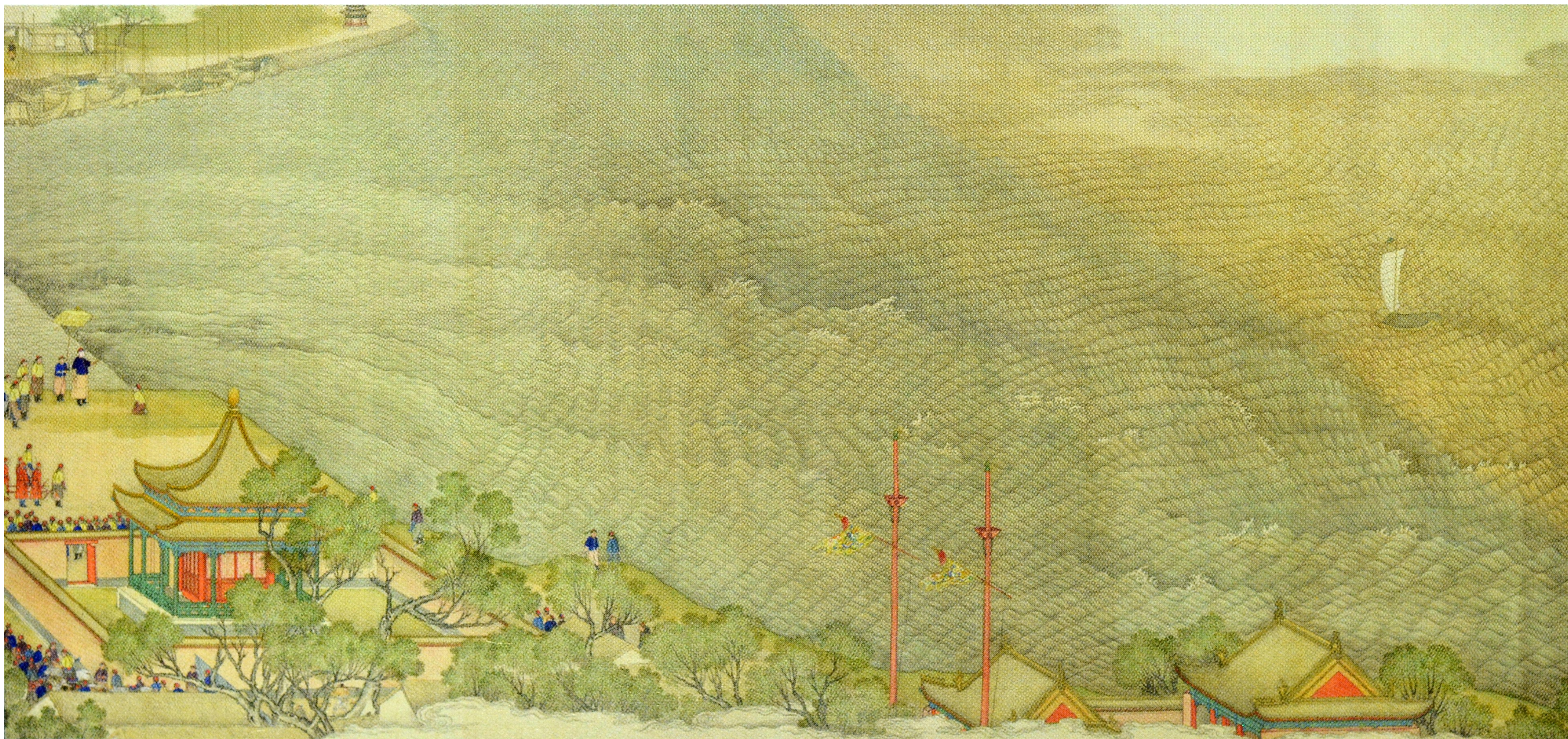
*Portrait of Qianlong
on horseback in
ceremonial armor
[1758]*



*Qianlong as the
Bodhisattva Manjushri
[1755]*



Xu Yang (active at court 1751–1776), *The Qianlong Emperor's Southern Inspection Tour: Crossing the Grand Canal at Dezhou* (section) [1770]



Xu Yang (active at court 1751–1776), *The Qianlong Emperor's Southern Inspection Tour: Water Control Measures at the Confluence of the Huai and Yellow Rivers* (section) [1770]

