

# China at War – From Ancient times to the Modern Day

## Ancient China

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
26th century BC	Battle of Banquan	The Yellow Emperor defeats the Yan Emperor.
26th century BC	Battle of Zhuolu	The Yellow Emperor defeats Chi You and establishes the Han Chinese civilisation.
1675 BC	Battle of Mingtiao	The Xia dynasty is overthrown and replaced by the Shang dynasty.
1046 BC	Battle of Muye	The Shang dynasty is overthrown and replaced by the Zhou dynasty.
707 BC	Battle of Xuge	The Western Zhou dynasty is defeated by the vassal Zheng state.
684 BC	Battle of Changshao	The Lu state defeats the Qi state
632 BC	Battle of Chengpu	The Jin state defeats the Chu state.
627BC	Battle of Xiao	The Jin defeats Qin.
595 BC	Battle of Bi	The Chu state defeats the Jin state.
588 BC	Battle of An	The Jin state defeats the Qi state.
575 BC	Battle of Yanling	The Jin state defeats the Chu state.
506 BC	Battle of Boju	The Wu state defeats the Chu state.
4th century BC	Gojoseon–Yan War	The Yan state defeats the Gojoseon kingdom.
494 BC	Battle of Fujiao	The Wu state defeats the Yue state.
478 BC	Battle of Lize	The Yue state defeats the Wu state.
453 BC	Battle of Jinyang	The Zhao state defeats the Zhi state. Leads to the Partition of Jin.

353 BC	Battle of Guiling	The Qi state defeats the Wei state.
342 BC	Battle of Maling	The Qi state defeats the Wei state.
341 BC	Battle of Guailing	
293 BC	Battle of Yique	The Qin state defeats the Wei and Han states.
269 BC	Battle of Yanyu	
260 BC	Battle of Changping	The Qin state defeats the Zhao state.
259 – 257 BC	Battle of Handan	The allied forces of Zhao, Wei and Chu defeats the Qin.
230–221 BC	Qin's wars of unification	The Qin state conquers the six other major states in China and unifies the country under the Qin dynasty.

## Imperial China

### Qin dynasty (221–206 BC)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
215 BC	Qin's campaign against the Xiongnu	Qin forces defeat the Xiongnu in the Ordos Desert.
214 BC	Qin's campaign against the Yue tribes	Qin forces defeat and conquer the Yue tribes in southern China and northern Vietnam.
209 BC	Dazexiang Uprising	Chen Sheng and Wu Guang lead a rebellion against the Qin dynasty.
207 BC	Battle of Julu	A rebel coalition army led by Xiang Yu defeats Qin forces.

### Chu-Han Contention (206–202 BC)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
206 – 202 BC	Chu-Han Contention	Han defeats Chu and its allies and unifies China.
205 BC	Battle of Pengcheng	Western Chu defeats Han.

205 BC	Battle of Xingyang	
205 BC	Battle of Jingxing	Han defeats the Zhao state.
203 BC	Battle of Wei River	Han defeats Western Chu and the Qi state.
202 BC	Battle of Gaixia	Han defeats Western Chu and unifies China under the Han dynasty.

### Han dynasty (206 BC–220 AD)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
2nd century BC	Southward expansion of the Han dynasty	The Han dynasty expands its boundaries into southern China and northern Vietnam.
200 BC	Battle of Baideng	The Xiongnu defeat Han forces.
154 BC	Rebellion of the Seven States	The Han central government suppresses a revolt led by seven princes.
138 BC and 111 BC	Han campaigns against Minyue	The Han dynasty conquers the Minyue region (around present-day southeastern China).
133 BC – 89 AD	Han–Xiongnu War	Overall victory for Han forces over the Xiongnu.
133 BC	Battle of Mayi	Inconclusive battle between the Xiongnu and Han forces.
119 BC	Battle of Mobei	Han forces defeat the Xiongnu.
111 BC	Han–Nanyue War	The Han dynasty defeats the Nanyue kingdom, led to the First Chinese domination of Vietnam.
109 BC	Han campaigns against Dian	The Han dynasty conquers the Dian region (around present-day Yunnan).
109 BC	Gojoseon–Han War	Han defeats Gojoseon. Gojoseon kingdom collapses.
99 BC	Battle of Tian Shan	The Xiongnu defeat Han forces.
89 AD	Battle of Ikh Bayan	Han forces defeat the Xiongnu.
73 AD	Battle of Yiwulu	Han forces defeat the Xiongnu.
67 BC	Battle of Jushi	Han forces defeat the Xiongnu.
36 BC	Battle of Zhizhi	Han forces defeat the Xiongnu.

23 AD	Battle of Kunyang	Liu Xiu overthrows the <b>Xin dynasty</b> and restores the Han dynasty (as the Eastern Han dynasty).
43 AD	Han suppression of the Trung sisters' rebellion	Han forces strikes down the Trung sisters' rebellion,led to the <b>Second Chinese domination of Vietnam</b> .
184–205 AD	Yellow Turban Rebellion	Han forces defeat the Yellow Turban rebels.
190–191	Campaign against Dong Zhuo	The Guandong Coalition attacks <b>Dong Zhuo</b> . No conclusive results.
190	Battle of Xingyang	
191	Battle of Jieqiao	<b>Yuan Shao</b> defeats <b>Gongsun Zan</b> .
191	Battle of Xiangyang	<b>Sun Jian</b> is killed in action against <b>Liu Biao's</b> forces.
194–195	Battle of Yan Province	<b>Cao Cao</b> defeats <b>Lü Bu</b> and takes back his territories in Yan Province.
194–199	Sun Ce's conquests in Jiangdong	<b>Sun Ce</b> conquers many territories in Jiangdong (southeastern China) and lays the foundation of <b>Eastern Wu</b> .
197–199	War between Cao Cao and Zhang Xiu	<b>Zhang Xiu</b> surrenders to Cao Cao after they fought three battles between 197 and 199.
198	Battle of Xiapi	Cao Cao and <b>Liu Bei</b> defeat Lü Bu. Lü Bu is executed after his capture.
199	Battle of Yijing	Yuan Shao defeats Gongsun Zan. Gongsun Zan commits suicide.
197–199	Campaign against Yuan Shu	Han forces defeat <b>Yuan Shu</b> .
200	Battle of Guandu	Cao Cao defeats Yuan Shao.
200–207	Cao Cao's campaigns in northern China	Cao Cao attacks Yuan Shao's heirs and allies in northern China and unifies the region under his control.
202	Battle of Bowang	Liu Bei defeats Cao Cao's general <b>Xiahou Dun</b> and then retreats.
204	Battle of Ye	
208	Battle of Xiakou	<b>Sun Quan</b> defeats <b>Huang Zu</b> .
208	Battle of Changban	Cao Cao's forces defeat Liu Bei.

208	Battle of Red Cliffs	Sun Quan and Liu Bei defeat Cao Cao.
209	Battle of Jiangling	The allied forces of Sun Quan and Liu Bei defeat Cao Cao's general <b>Cao Ren</b> .
211	Battle of Tong Pass	Cao Cao defeats a coalition of northwestern warlords led by <b>Ma Chao</b> and <b>Han Sui</b> .
212–215	Liu Bei's takeover of Yi Province	Liu Bei seizes control of Yi Province from <b>Liu Zhang</b> .
214–215	Battle of Xiaoyao Ford	Cao Cao's general <b>Zhang Liao</b> defeats Sun Quan's forces.
215	Battle of Yangping	Cao Cao takes control of Hanzhong commandery from <b>Zhang Lu</b> .
217	Battle of Ruxu	The forces of Cao Cao and Sun Quan clash at Ruxu with no conclusive results.
217–219	Hanzhong Campaign	Liu Bei seizes control of Hanzhong commandery from Cao Cao.
219	Battle of Fancheng	Cao Cao's forces successfully hold off a siege on Fancheng by Liu Bei's general <b>Guan Yu</b> .
219	Lü Meng's invasion of Jing Province	Sun Quan's forces capture Liu Bei's territories in Jing Province. Liu Bei's general Guan Yu is captured and executed.

### Three Kingdoms period (220–280 AD)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
221–222	Battle of Xiaoting / Battle of Yiling	Wu defeats Shu.
222–225	Cao Pi's invasions of Eastern Wu	Wei attacks Wu three times.
224	Incident at Guangling	
225	Zhuge Liang's Southern Campaign	Shu pacifies its southern borders and compels the <b>Nanman</b> tribes into submission.
227–228	Xincheng Rebellion	Wei general <b>Sima Yi</b> suppresses a revolt by <b>Meng Da</b> .
228–234	Zhuge Liang's Northern Expeditions	Shu chancellor <b>Zhuge Liang</b> leads six campaigns to attack Wei but makes no significant territorial gains.
228	Battle of Shiting	Wu defeats Wei.

228	Battle of Jieting	Wei defeats Shu.
234	Battle of Wuzhang Plains	Shu chancellor Zhuge Liang dies during a stalemate. Shu forces retreat.
238	Sima Yi's Liaodong campaign	Wei general Sima Yi suppresses a revolt by <b>Gongsun Yuan</b> in Liaodong (northeastern China).
244	Battle of Xingshi	Shu repels a Wei invasion.
244–245	Goguryeo–Wei War	Wei defeats <b>Goguryeo</b> .
247–262	Jiang Wei's Northern Expeditions	Shu general <b>Jiang Wei</b> leads nine campaigns to attack Wei but makes no significant territorial gains.
251–258	Three Rebellions in Shouchun	Wei suppresses three consecutive revolts in Shouchun.
252	Battle of Dongxing	Wu defeats Wei.
263	Conquest of Shu by Wei	Wei conquers Shu.

### **Jin dynasty (265–420), the Southern Dynasties (420–587), the Sixteen Kingdoms (304–439) and the Northern Dynasties (386–581)**

<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
280	Conquest of Wu by Jin	The Jin dynasty conquers <b>Eastern Wu</b> and unifies China under its control.
291–306	War of the Eight Princes	Eight Jin princes start a civil war.
304–316	Wu Hu uprising	The <b>Wu Hu</b> tribes overthrow the (Western) Jin dynasty. The Jin dynasty is reestablished as the Eastern Jin dynasty.
305 – 307	Chen Min's rebellion	
311	Disaster of Yongjia	
311 – 315	Du Tao's Uprising	
313	Zu Ti's expedition	Jin forces led by <b>Zu Ti</b> defeats <b>Later Zhao</b> .
314	Battle of Youzhou	
316	Battle of Chang'an	

319	Battle of Junyi	Jin forces led by <a href="#">Zu Ti</a> defeats <a href="#">Later Zhao</a> .
319	Battle of Jicheng	
328	Jin's expedition against <a href="#">Su Jun</a>	
328	Battle of Luoyang	
346	Jin-Cheng Han war	Jin Dynasty defeats <a href="#">Cheng Han</a> .
350 – 352	Battle of Xiangguo	<a href="#">Ran Wei</a> defeats <a href="#">Jie</a> and other barbarians.
351	Former Yan-Ran Wei war	Former Yan defeats <a href="#">Ran Wei</a> .
354–369	<a href="#">Huan Wen's</a> expeditions	Jin general <a href="#">Huan Wen</a> attempts to reclaim territories in northern China.
354	Battle of Lukou	
355	Battle of Guanggu	
361	Battle of Yewang	
369	Battle of Fangtou	Former <a href="#">Qin</a> and Former Yan defeat Jin Dynasty.
369	Conquest of Former Yan by Former Qin	
376	Conquest of Dai by Former Qin	
383	Battle of Fei River	The Eastern Jin dynasty defeats <a href="#">Former Qin</a> .
383	<a href="#">Lyu Guang's</a> expedition to <a href="#">Qiuci</a>	
387	Battle of Liangzhou	
389	Battle of Dajie	
390	Battle of Xincheng Town	
390	Northern Wei's campaign against <a href="#">Liu Weichen</a>	
392	<a href="#">Lyu Guang's</a> expedition against <a href="#">Western Qin</a>	

393	Conquest of Western Yan by Later Yan	
395	Battle of Canhe Slope	Northern Wei defeats Later Yan.
397	Battle of Bosi	Northern Wei defeated Later Yan, but then retreated due to internal struggles.
399 – 411	Rebellion of Sun En and Lu Xun	
404	Battle of Fuzhoushan	
404	Liu Yu-Huan Xuan war	
409–416	Liu Yu's expeditions	Jin general Liu Yu reclaims territories in northern China and establishes the Liu Song dynasty.
416	Conquest of Later Qin	
422	Battle of Henan	A battle between Liu Song and Northern Wei
426	Liu Song's war against Xie Hui	Xie Hui was captured.
426	Western Qin-Northern Liang war	
426 – 427	Battle of Tongwan	Northern Wei attacked Helian Xia's capital city, Tongwan
430; 450-452	Yuanjia Expeditions	
429	Northern Wei's war against Rouran	
432	Wei-Yan war	
433	Battle of Hanzhong	Northern Wei defeats Southern Qi.
439	Conquest of Northern Liang by Northern Wei	
449	Battle of Yongzhou	
450	Battle of Shaancheng	
454	Conquest of Liu Yixuan by Liu Song	Liu Yixuan was defeated.
459	Battle of Guangling	
466	Liu Zixun's rebellion	



466	Battle of Pengcheng	
467	Battle of Qingzhou	
474	Battle of Jiankang	
479 – 500	Qi-Wei war	
479	Battle of Shouyang	
488	Wei-Baekje war	
494	Battle of Huaihan	
495	Battle of Hanzhong	
497	Battle of Nanyang	
503	Battle of Zhongli and Yiyang	
506	Battle of Hefei	
507	Battle of Zhongli	Liang dynasty defeats Northern Wei
515	Battle of Shaanshi	
528	Battle of Ye	
529	Chen Qingzhi's expeditions	
531	Gao Huan's expedition against Erzhu	
534 – 535	Civil war of Northern Wei	Northern Wei split into Eastern Wei and Western Wei.
537	Battle of Shayuan	
543	Battle of Mt. Mang	
546	Battle of Yubi	
547	Hou Jing's rebellion against Eastern Wei	Hou Jing led a rebellion against Eastern Wei and then fled to Liang dynasty.
552	Hou Jing's rebellion against Liang	Hou Jing led a massive rebellion against Liang dynasty.
554	Battle of Jiangling	Western Wei defeats Liang dynasty
556	Northern Qi-Liang war	
564	Battle of Luoyang	Northern Qi defeats Northern Zhou.

569	Battle of Yiyang and Fenbei	
575 – 577	Conquest of Northern Qi by Northern Zhou	
575	Battle of Heyin	
576	Battle of Pingyang	
580	Conquest of Yuchi Jiong by Yang Jian	
580	Conquest of Wang Qian by Yang Jian	
580	Battle of Lizhou	
580	Battle of Wushe	
580	Battle of Liangjun	
580	Battle of Jinxiang	
580	Battle of Shizhou	

### Sui dynasty (581–618)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
589	Conquest of Chen by Sui	
598–614	Goguryeo–Sui War	Goguryeo defeats Sui.
602	Sui–Lý War	The Sui dynasty defeats the Early Lý dynasty, led to the Third Chinese domination of Vietnam.
611–619	Wagang Army Uprising	Led by Zhai Rang and later Li Mi
613	Yang Xuangan's Rebellion	
616	Battle of Xingyang	Wagang Army defeats Sui army led by Zhang Xutuo
617	Battle of Huoyi	Li Yuan overthrows the Sui dynasty and establishes the Tang dynasty.
618	Battle of Luoyang	Li Mi defeats Yuwen Huaji and then Wang Shichong defeats Li Mi.

### Tang dynasty (618–907)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
621	Battle of Hulao	Tang forces defeated <b>Dou Jiande</b> .
626	Xuanwu Gate Incident	<b>Li Shimin</b> killed his brothers <b>Li Jiancheng</b> and <b>Li Yuanji</b> in a coup and seized the succession to the Tang throne.
630	Battle of Yinshan	Tang army, led by <b>Li Jing</b> , defeated and conquered <b>Eastern Turks</b>
635	Tang campaign against Tuyuhun	Tang forces defeated and conquered <b>Tuyuhun Khanate</b> .
638	Battle of Songzhou	The <b>Tang Dynasty</b> defeated the <b>Tibetan Empire</b> .
639–646	Tang campaign against Xueyantuo	Tang forces defeated and conquered <b>Xueyantuo Khanate</b> .
640–657	Tang campaigns against the Western Turks	Wars between the <b>Tang Dynasty</b> and the <b>Western Turks</b> .
640–648	Tang campaign against the oasis states	The <b>Tang Dynasty</b> conquered the oasis states of the <b>Tarim Basin</b> .
640	Tang campaign against Karakhoja	Tang forces defeated and conquered <b>Karakhoja (Gaochang)</b> .
644, 648	Tang campaigns against Karasahr	Tang forces defeat and conquered <b>Karasahr</b> .
648–649	Tang campaign against Kucha	Tang forces defeated and conquered <b>Kucha</b> .
657	Battle of Irtysh River	Tang forces defeated the <b>Western Turks</b> .
657	Conquest of the Western Turks	Tang forces defeated the <b>Western Turks</b> .
645–668	Goguryeo–Tang War	The <b>Tang Dynasty</b> defeated and conquered <b>Goguryeo</b> .
663	Battle of Baekgang	<b>Tang</b> and <b>Silla</b> forces defeated <b>Yamato Japanese</b> and <b>Baekje</b> forces.
663	Tibetan campaign against Tuyuhun	<b>Tuyuhun Khanate</b> was destroyed.
660	Baekje–Tang War	The <b>Tang dynasty</b> defeated and conquered <b>Baekje</b> .

670	Battle of Dafei River	The Tibetan Empire defeated the Tang Dynasty.
685	Battle of Kaoyu	
697	Battle of Dongxiashi Valley	Khitan defeated the Wu Zhou.
698	Battle of Tianmenling	Mohe forces defeated the Wu Zhou.
717	Battle of Aksu (717)	Tang forces defeated an allied forces of Umayyad Muslims, Tibetans and Turgesh Turks.
745–749	Siege of Shibao Fortress	Tibetans forces defeated Tang
751	Battle of Talas	The Abbasid Caliphate and Tibetans defeated the Tang Dynasty.
755 – 763	An-Shi Rebellion	An Lushan, An Qingxu, Shi Siming and Shi Chaoyi led a massive rebellion against Tang Dynasty.
756	Battle of Tong pass	The rebel Yan state defeats Tang Dynasty and soon captured Chang'an, the capital of Tang Dynasty.
756	Battle of Yongqiu	The Tang Dynasty defeated the rebel Yan state.
757	Battle of Suiyang	Pyrrhic victory for the rebel Yan state against Tang forces.
757	Battle of Xiangjisi	Tang forces defeated rebel Yan forces and recaptured Chang'an.
758–759	Battle of Xiangzhou	Rebel Yan forces defeated Tang forces.
762	Battle of Luoyang	The Tang Dynasty decisively defeated the rebel Yan state, fall of Yan.
763	Battle of Chang'an	No casualties, Tibetan Empire strategic victory against Tang Dynasty.
765	Battle of Xiyuan	Tibetan Empire defeated the Tang Dynasty and Uyghur forces.
781	Battle of Henshui	
801–802	Battle of Weizhou	Tibetan forces decisively defeated Tang forces in the South-West front.

817	Conquest of the Western Huai River	
819	Battle of Yanzhou	Tibetan forces decisively defeated Tang forces in the North-West front.
874–884	Huang Chao Rebellion	Huang Chao led a rebellion that weakened the Tang dynasty.

### Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms Period (907–960)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
923	Conquest of Later Liang by Later Tang	
925	Conquest of Former Shu by Later Tang	
936	Conquest of Later Tang by Later Jin	
945	Battle of Ting-Hsien	

### Song dynasty (960–1279)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
964	Conquest of Later Shu by Song	Song conquest of the Later Shu.
970	Conquest of Southern Han by Song	Song conquest of the Southern Han.
974	Conquest of Southern Tang by Song	Song conquest of the Southern Tang.
979	Conquest of Northern Han by Song	Song conquest of the Northern Han.
979	Battle of Gaoliang River	The Khitan Liao Dynasty defeats the Song Dynasty.
986	Battle of Qigou Pass	Liao forces defeat Song forces.
1004	Battle of Chanzhou	Inconclusive.
1041	Battle of Haoshui River	The Western Xia defeats the Song Dynasty.
1048	Battle of Pei-Chou	
1075–1077	Lý–Song War	Indecisive.

1126–1127	Siege of Dongjing	The Jurchen <b>Jin Dynasty</b> decisively defeats the <b>Song Dynasty</b> ,fall of Northern Song.
1129–1141	Song-Jin Wars	Wars between the Song and Jin dynasties.
1130	Battle of Fuping	Jin forces defeats Song forces.
1140	Battle of Yancheng	<b>Song</b> forces under Yue Fei,defeat <b>Jin</b> forces.
1161	Battle of Tangdao	Song forces defeat Jin forces.
1161	Battle of Caishi	Song forces defeat Jin forces.
1234	Siege of Caizhou	The <b>Mongol Empire</b> and the <b>Song Dynasty</b> decisively defeat the <b>Jin Dynasty</b> ,fall of the Jin Dynasty.
1259	Siege of Diaoyu fortress	Song forces defeat the Mongols.
1273	Battle of Xiangyang	The Mongols defeat Song forces.
1279	Battle of Yamen	The Mongols decisively defeat the <b>Song Dynasty</b> ,fall of Southern Song.

### Liao dynasty (907–1125)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
	Liao-Song War	
979	Battle of Gaoliang River	The <b>Liao Dynasty</b> defeats the <b>Song Dynasty</b> .
986	Battle of Qigou Pass	<b>Liao</b> forces defeat <b>Song</b> forces.
1004	Battle of Chanzhou	Inconclusive.
1044	Battle of Hequ	The <b>Western Xia</b> defeats the <b>Liao Dynasty</b> .
1114–1125	Liao-Jin War	

### Jurchen Jin dynasty (1115–1234)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
1126–1127	Siege of Dongjing	The Jurchen <b>Jin Dynasty</b> decisively defeats the <b>Song Dynasty</b> ,fall of Northern Song.
1130	Battle of Fuping	Jin forces defeats Song forces.
1211–1234	<b>Mongol–Jin War</b>	The Mongols defeat and conquer Jin.

1211	Battle of Yehuling	The Mongols defeat Jin.
1215	Battle of Zhongdu	The Mongols defeat Jin.
1232	Mongol siege of Kaifeng	The Mongols capture the Jin city <a href="#">Kaifeng</a> .
1234	Siege of Caizhou	The <a href="#">Mongol Empire</a> and the <a href="#">Song Dynasty</a> decisively defeat the <a href="#">Jin Dynasty</a> ,fall of the Jin Dynasty.

### Yuan dynasty (1271–1368)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
1274, 1281	<a href="#">Mongol invasions of Japan</a>	The Japanese repel the Mongol invasions.
1277– 1287	<a href="#">First Mongol invasion of Burma</a>	Mongol Yuan victory, fall of the <a href="#">Pagan Empire</a> .
1288	<a href="#">Battle of Bạch Đằng</a>	The Vietnamese defeat Yuan forces.
1293	<a href="#">Mongol invasion of Java</a>	Failed Yuan expedition to Java.
1301	<a href="#">Second Mongol invasion of Burma</a>	The Burmese defeat Yuan forces.
1351– 1368	<a href="#">Red Turban Rebellion</a>	The Red Turban rebels overthrow the Yuan dynasty.
1359	<a href="#">Red Turban invasions of Goryeo</a>	The Red Turban rebels attack Goryeo.
1360	<a href="#">Battle of Yingtian</a>	
1363	<a href="#">Battle of Lake Poyang</a>	<a href="#">Zhu Yuanzhang</a> defeats <a href="#">Chen Youliang</a> .

### Ming dynasty (1368–1644)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
1381–1382	<a href="#">Ming conquest of Yunnan</a>	The Ming expelled the last of the loyalist Mongol forces of the Yuan in South China.
1387	<a href="#">Ming campaign against the Uriyangkhad horde</a>	The Ming received the surrender of the <a href="#">Naghachu</a> based in Manchuria.
1388	<a href="#">Battle of Buir Lake</a>	The Ming decisively defeated <a href="#">Toghus Temur</a> , Khan of the <a href="#">Northern Yuan dynasty</a> based in Mongolia.

14th century–15th century	Miao Rebellions	Ming forces suppressed rebellions by the Miao and other aboriginal peoples in southwestern China.
1399–1402	Jingnan Campaign	Zhu Di seized the throne from the Jianwen Emperor in a civil war.
15th century–16th century	Ming–Turpan conflict	The Ming clashed with the Turpan kingdom.
1406–1407	Ming–Hồ War	The Ming defeated the Hồ dynasty, led to the Fourth Chinese domination of Vietnam.
1410	Ming–Kotte War	The Ming defeated the Kingdom of Kotte.
1410–1424	Yongle Emperor's campaigns against the Mongols	The Ming launched punitive expeditions against the Eastern Mongols, Oyrat Mongols, and other Mongol tribes.
1449	Tumu Crisis	The Mongols defeated the Ming.
1510	Prince of Anhua rebellion	The Ming suppressed a revolt by Zhu Zhifan (the Prince of Anhua).
1519	Prince of Ning rebellion	The Ming suppressed a revolt by Zhu Chenhao (the Prince of Ning).
	Malayan–Portuguese war	
1521	First Battle of Tamao	The Ming defeated the Portuguese in a naval battle.
1522	Second Battle of Tamao	The Ming defeated the Portuguese in a naval battle.
1575–1581	Li Chengliang campaign against Tuman Khan	The Ming defeated the Mongols
1592–1598	Japanese invasions of Korea	The Ming and Joseon defeated Japanese invaders.
1593	Siege of Pyongyang	The Ming and Joseon defeated Japanese invaders.
1597	Siege of Ulsan	Ming and Joseon forces failed to capture Ulsan Castle from the Japanese.



1598	Battle of Sacheon	Ming and Joseon forces failed to capture <b>Sacheon</b> from the Japanese.
1598	Battle of Noryang	Ming and Joseon forces defeated the Japanese in a naval battle.
1618–1683	Qing conquest of the Ming	The <b>Qing dynasty</b> defeated and conquered the Ming.
1618–1619	Battle of Sarhu	The Manchus defeated the Ming.
1626	Battle of Ningyuan	The Ming defeated the Manchus.
1622–1633	Sino-Dutch conflicts	A series of conflicts between the Ming and the <b>Dutch East India Company</b> that began on <b>Penghu</b> and concluded with Ming victory at the <b>Battle of Liaoluo Bay</b> .
1641–1642	Battle of Songjin	The Qing defeated the Ming.
1642	Battle of Nanyang	
1643	Battle of Tongguan	Ming was defeated by <b>Li Zicheng</b> in <b>Shaanxi</b> .
1644	Battle of Beijing	Rebel forces led by <b>Li Zicheng</b> occupied the capital <b>Beijing</b> and overthrew the Ming dynasty.
1644	Battle of Shanhai Pass	Qing forces allied with former Ming general <b>Wu Sangui</b> and defeated Li Zicheng's forces.

### Qing dynasty (1644–1912)

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
1652–1689	Sino-Russian border conflicts	Border conflicts between the Qing and the <b>Russian Empire</b> concluded with Qing victory and the signing of the <b>Treaty of Nerchinsk</b> .
1661–1662	Siege of Fort Zeelandia	<b>Koxinga</b> defeated the Dutch and conquered <b>Taiwan</b> .
1678–1680	Dzungar conquest of Altishahr	Dzungars conquer the <b>Yarkent Chagatai Khanate</b>
1674–1681	Revolt of the Three Feudatories	The Qing suppressed rebellions in <b>Fujian</b> , <b>Guangdong</b> and <b>Yunnan</b> .
1683	Battle of Penghu	The Qing conquered the <b>Kingdom of Tungning</b> in <b>Taiwan</b> .
1690–1757	Dzungar–Qing War	

1690	Battle of Ulan Butung	Withdraw of <b>Dzungar Khanate</b> forces.
1696	Battle of Jao Modo	The Qing defeated Galdan of the Dzungar Khanate.
1718	Battle of the Salween River	The Dzungars defeated the Qing expedition force to Tibet.
1720	Chinese expedition to Tibet (1720)	Qing victory against the Dzungars
1755–1759	Qianlong's Campaign Against the Dzungars and Revolt of the Altishahr Khojas	Qing victory, destruction of the <b>Dzungar Khanate</b> and Qing conquest of <b>Xinjiang</b> .
1765–1769	Sino-Burmese War	Burmese victory.
1788–1789	Campaign in Vietnam	<b>Tây Sơn dynasty</b> victory, Qing troops retreat from Vietnam.
1790–1791	Sino-Nepalese War	Qing victory.
1794–1804	White Lotus Rebellion	The Qing suppressed a revolt by the <b>White Lotus Society</b> .
19th century	Ningpo Massacre	Cantonese pirates (with support from the Qing) defeated Portuguese pirates.
1820's-1850's	Afaqi Khoja revolts	<b>Aq Taghlik Khojas (Afaqi Khojas)</b> attack Xinjiang. Qing victory
1839–1842	First Opium War	The Qing lost to the British and ceded <b>Hong Kong</b> to the latter.
1839	Battle of Kowloon	Stalemate between the British and the Qing.
1839	Battle of Chuenpi	The British defeated the Qing.
1840	Capture of Chusan	The British defeated the Qing.
1840	Battle of the Barrier	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Second Battle of Chuenpi	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Battle of the Bogue	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Battle of First Bar	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Battle of Whampoa	The British defeated the Qing.

1841	Battle of Canton (March 1841)	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Sino-Sikh War	Military stalemate between the Sikhs and the Qing. Treaty of Chushul signed.
1841	Battle of Canton (May 1841)	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Battle of Amoy	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Capture of Chusan (1841)	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Battle of Chinhai	The British defeated the Qing.
1841	Battle of Keelung (1841–1842)	The Qing defeated the British.
1842	Battle of Ningpo	The British defeated the Qing.
1842	Battle of Tzeki	The British defeated the Qing.
1842	Battle of Chapu	The British defeated the Qing.
1842	Battle of Woosung	The British defeated the Qing.
1842	Battle of Chinkiang	The British defeated the Qing.
1850–1864	Taiping Rebellion	The Qing defeated the <b>Taiping Heavenly Kingdom</b> (founded by the Taiping rebels).
1850	Jintian Uprising	Start of the Taiping Rebellion.
1852	Battle of Changsha	
1853	Battle of Nanjing	The Taiping rebels captured <b>Nanjing</b> from the Qing.
1854	Battle of Lake Dongting	
1856	Battle of Nanjing	The Taiping rebels defeated the Qing.
1856	Third Battle of Wuhan	
1857	Battles of Lake Tai	
1858	Battle of Sanhe	The Taiping rebels defeated the Qing.
1859	Battle of Jiujiang	
1860	Second rout of the Jiangnan Daying	The Taiping rebels defeated the Qing.
1861	Battle of Anqing	

1861–1864	Battle of Guanzhong	The Taiping rebels defeated the Qing.
1861	Battle of Shanghai	The Qing defeated the Taiping rebels with assistance from British and French forces.
1862	Battle of Cixi	The Qing defeated the Taiping rebels.
1863	Battle of Northern Jiangsu	
1863–1864	Battle of Changzhou	The Qing defeated the Taiping rebels.
1864	Third Battle of Nanking	The Qing seized <b>Nanjing</b> from the Taiping rebels.
1864	Battle of Hubei	The Qing seized <b>Hubei</b> and southern <b>Anhui</b> from the Taiping rebels.
1865	Battle of Fujian	The Qing recover previously lost territories in <b>Fujian</b> from the Taiping rebels.
1866	Battle of Meizhou	
1866	Formosa Expedition	Paiwan Aborigines defeat the Americans
1856–1873	Panthay Rebellion	The Qing and Hui loyalists suppressed a revolt by the <b>Hui people</b> and other ethnic minorities in <b>Yunnan</b> .
1862–1877	Dungan revolt	The Qing and Hui loyalists suppressed a revolt by the Hui people in northwestern China.
1870	Battle of Ürümqi (1870)	The Uzbek controlled kingdom of <b>Kashgaria</b> defeated Hui rebels.
1854–56	Red Turban Rebellion	The Qing defeated Red Turban rebels in Guangdong
1855–1867	Punti-Hakka Clan Wars	Hakka were allocated their own independent sub-prefecture, Chixi (赤溪镇), which was carved out of south-eastern Taishan, while others were relocated to Guangxi Province, mass emigration to other countries.
1864–1869	Nian Rebellion	The Qing suppressed a revolt led by <b>Zhang Lexing</b> and others.
1865	Battle of Gaolozai	
1867	Battle of Inlon River	The Qing defeated the Nian rebels.

1867	Battle of Ganyu	
1867	Battle of Shouguang	
1856–1860	Second Opium War	The British, French and Americans defeated the Qing.
1856	Battle of the Pearl River Forts	The Americans defeated the Qing.
1857	Battle of Fatshan Creek	The British defeated the Qing.
1858	First Battle of Taku Forts	The British and French defeated the Qing.
1859	Second Battle of Taku Forts	The Qing defeated the British, French, and Americans.
1860	Third Battle of Taku Forts	The British and French defeated the Qing.
1860	Battle of Palikao	The British and French defeated the Qing.
1874	Japanese invasion of Taiwan (1874)	Paiwan Aborigines fight against the Japanese
1876–1878	Qing reconquest of Xinjiang	The Qing defeat Yaqub Beg's forces in Kashgaria.
1884–1885	Sino-French War	Militarily indecisive, diplomatic victory of the French.
1883–1886	Tonkin Campaign	The French defeated the Qing, Vietnamese and Black Flag Army.
1883	Sơn Tây Campaign	The French defeated the Qing, Vietnamese and Black Flag Army.
1883	Battle of Paper Bridge	The Black Flag Army defeated the French.
1884	Bắc Ninh Campaign	The French defeated the Qing and Black Flag Army.
1884	Bắc Lệ ambush	The Qing defeated the French.
1884	Battle of Fuzhou	The French defeated the Qing.
1884	Battle of Tamsui	The Qing defeated the French.
1884	Kep Campaign	The French defeated the Qing.
1884–1885	Keelung Campaign	Stalemate between the French and the Qing.
1885	Lạng Sơn Campaign	The French defeated the Qing.
1885	Battle of Shipu	The French defeated the Qing.

1885	<a href="#">Battle of Zhenhai</a>	The French clashed with the Qing.
1885	<a href="#">Siege of Tuyên Quang</a>	The French defeated the Qing and Black Flag Army.
1885	<a href="#">Battle of Hoa Moc</a>	The French defeated the Qing and Black Flag Army.
1885	<a href="#">Battle of Bang Bo</a>	The Qing and Black Flag Army defeated the French.
1885	<a href="#">Battle of Phu Lam Tao</a>	The Qing and Black Flag Army defeated the French.
1885	<a href="#">Pescadores Campaign</a>	The French defeated the Qing.
1884	<a href="#">Gapsin Coup</a>	The Qing defeated the Japanese.
1894–1895	<a href="#">First Sino-Japanese War</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1894	<a href="#">Battle of Pungdo</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1894	<a href="#">Battle of Seonghwan</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1894	<a href="#">Battle of Pyongyang</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1894	<a href="#">Battle of the Yalu River</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1894	<a href="#">Battle of Jiuliancheng</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1894	<a href="#">Battle of Lushunkou</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1895	<a href="#">Battle of Weihaiwei</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1895	<a href="#">Battle of Yingkou</a>	The Japanese defeated the Qing.
1895–1896	<a href="#">Dungan revolt</a>	The Qing and Muslim loyalists suppressed a revolt by Muslim forces in western China.
1895	<a href="#">Japanese invasion of Taiwan (1895)</a>	The Japanese occupy Taiwan.
1899–1901	<a href="#">Boxer Rebellion</a>	The <a href="#">Eight-Nation Alliance</a> defeated the Boxer rebels and Qing forces.
1900	<a href="#">Battle of Dagu Forts</a>	The Eight-Nation Alliance defeated Qing forces.
1900	<a href="#">Battle of Tientsin</a>	The Eight-Nation Alliance defeated Qing forces.
1900	<a href="#">Battle of Shanhai Pass</a>	Inconclusive.

1900	Battle of Beicang	The Eight-Nation Alliance defeated Qing forces.
1900	Battle of Yangcun	The Eight-Nation Alliance defeated Qing forces.
1900	Russian invasion of Manchuria	The Russians defeated the Boxer rebels and Qing.
1900	Battle of Pai-t'ou-tzu	The Boxer rebels and Qing forces defeated the Russians.
1900	Battles on Amur River	The Russians defeated the Boxer rebels and Qing forces.
1900	Battle of Peking	The Eight-Nation Alliance defeated the Boxer rebels and Qing forces.
1900	Seymour Expedition (Battle of Langfang)	The Boxer rebels and Qing forces defeated the Eight-Nation Alliance.
1900	Siege of the International Legations	The Boxers assault the Legations in Beijing.
1911	Battle of Yangxia	Qing and Revolutionary Armies vie for control of Wuhan.

## Modern China

Year(s)	Event	Brief description
1913	Second Chinese Revolution	Yuan Shikai and his military crush a rebellion against his mis gained power.
1915-16	National Protection War	A civil war against Yuan Shikai, who had declared himself emperor.
1917-1949	Golok rebellions	A series of military campaigns against unconquered Ngolok (Golok) tribal Tibetan areas of Qinghai (Amdo), undertaken by two Hui commanders, Gen. Ma Qi and Gen. Ma Bufang
1920	Zhili-Anhui War	Zhili and Anhui cliques for control of the Beiyang government
1922	First Zhili-Fengtian War	Zhili and Fengtian cliques for control of Beijing

1924	Second Zhili-Fengtian War	a conflict between the Japanese-backed <b>Fengtian clique</b> and the Anglo-American backed <b>Zhili clique</b> controlling Beijing
1925-26	Anti-Fengtian War	<b>Guominjun</b> against the <b>Fengtian clique</b> and their <b>Zhili clique</b> allies.
1926–1928	Northern Expedition	a military campaign launched by the <b>National Revolutionary Army</b> of the <b>Kuomintang</b> (KMT), against the <b>Beiyang government</b> and other regional warlords with purpose of reunifying China
1927–1936	Chinese Civil War (First phase)	A war fought between the <b>Kuomintang</b> (KMT)-led government of the <b>Republic of China</b> and the <b>Communist Party of China</b> (CPC)
1929	Sino-Soviet conflict	an armed conflict between the <b>Union of Soviet Socialist Republics</b> and Chinese warlord <b>Zhang Xueliang</b> of the <b>Republic of China</b> over the <b>Chinese Eastern Railway</b>
1929	Battle of Xahe	The <b>Chinese Muslim Ma clique</b> under Generals <b>Ma Qi</b> and <b>Ma Bufang</b> launched several attacks against <b>Labrang</b> as part of a general anti- <b>Golok</b> Tibetan campaign.
1930	Central Plains War	a civil war between the Nationalist <b>Kuomintang</b> government in Nanjing led by <b>Chiang Kai-shek</b> and former allies of Chiang.
1930–1932	Sino-Tibetan War	A war between Tibetan forces and the Chinese Republic.
1930–34	Kumul Rebellion	A rebellion of <b>Kumulik</b> Uyghurs who conspired with <b>Hui Chinese Muslim</b> Gen. <b>Ma Zhongying</b> to overthrow <b>Jin Shuren</b> , governor of <b>Xinjiang</b> .
1931–1945	Second Sino-Japanese War (part of World War II)	A military conflict fought primarily between the <b>Republic of China</b> and the <b>Empire of Japan</b> with its minor conflicts beginning in 1931 with war declared at the <b>Marco Polo Bridge Incident</b> in 1937
1932	Kirghiz rebellion	<b>Kyrgyz</b> irregulars in <b>Xinjiang</b> revolted against the government.
1933–34	Fujian Rebellion	A breakaway province that aimed to defeat the <b>Kuomintang</b> with Soviet help that didn't materialise ending in its demise.
1934	Soviet Invasion of Xinjiang	a military campaign of the Soviet Union in the Chinese northwestern region of <b>Xinjiang</b> in 1934.



1937	Xinjiang War	1,500 Turkic (Uighur) Muslims led by <a href="#">Kichik Akhund</a> , tacitly aided by the 36th Division against the pro-Soviet provincial forces of <a href="#">Sheng Shicai</a> .
1945–49	Chinese Civil War (Second phase)	a war fought between the <a href="#">Kuomintang</a> (KMT)-led government of the <a href="#">Republic of China</a> and the <a href="#">Communist Party of China</a> (CPC)
1946–49	Ili Rebellion	A Soviet-backed revolt against the <a href="#">Kuomintang</a> government of the <a href="#">Republic of China</a> in 1944
1949–1955	Post Civil War battles	Innumerable battles between Nationalist (KMT) forces and Communist forces, clearing remnants of the KMT from what is now mainland People's Republic of China and battles for islands off the coast of the southern China.
1950–1958	Kuomintang Islamic Insurgency	a continuation of the Chinese Civil War by Muslim Kuomintang Republic of China Army forces in Northwest China, in the provinces of Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia, Xinjiang, and another insurgency in Yunnan.
1950	Invasion of Tibet (Battle of Chamdo)	a military campaign by the <a href="#">People's Republic of China</a> (PRC) against a de facto independent Tibet in Chamdo after months of failed negotiations.
1950–1953	Korean War	a war between <a href="#">North Korea</a> (with the support of China and the Soviet Union) and South Korea (with the principal support of the United States). The war began on 25 June 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea following a series of clashes along the border.
1954–1955	First Taiwan Strait Crisis	a brief armed conflict that took place between the governments of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of China (ROC), which by then had fled and was based in Taiwan.
1958	Second Taiwan Strait Crisis	a conflict that took place between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of China (ROC) in which the PRC aimed to "liberate" Taiwan from the Chinese Nationalist Party, also called Kuomintang (KMT)
1959	Tibetan Uprising	Armed conflict between Tibetan guerrillas and the People's Liberation Army (PLA) had started in 1956 in the Kham and Amdo regions, which had been subjected to socialist reform. The guerrilla warfare later spread to other areas of Tibet and lasted through 1962.

1959-1975	Vietnam War	a conflict that occurred in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia officially fought between North Vietnam and the government of South Vietnam with Soviet, China, and Communist allies backing the north, and United States, South Korea, Australia, Thailand and other anti-communist allies backing the south.
1960-1961	Campaign at the China–Burma border	a series of battles fought between the Chinese nationalists and the communists at or around the China–Myanmar border, after the Chinese Civil War
1960-current	Xinjiang conflict	an ongoing separatist conflict in China's far-west province of Xinjiang. Uyghur separatists claim that the region is not a part of China, but that the Second East Turkestan Republic was illegally incorporated into the People's Republic of China in 1949 and has since been under Chinese occupation.
1962	Sino-Indian War	a war between China and India over border disputes.
1967	Nathu La and Cho La incidents	a series of military clashes between India and China alongside the border of the Himalayan Kingdom of Sikkim, then an Indian protectorate.
1969	Sino-Soviet border conflict	a seven-month undeclared military conflict between the Soviet Union
1974	Battle of the Paracel Islands	a military engagement between the naval forces of China and South Vietnam in the Paracel Islands on January 19, 1974. The battle was an attempt by the South Vietnamese navy to expel the Chinese navy from the vicinity.
1979	Sino-Vietnamese War	a brief border war fought between the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in early 1979.
1996	Third Taiwan Strait Crisis	the effect of a series of missile tests conducted by the People's Republic of China (PRC) in the waters surrounding Taiwan including the Taiwan Strait from 21 July 1995, to 23 March 1996
2001-current	War on Terror	China is a major ally in the war on terror with the US, UK, France, and Russia.
2009–2016	Operation Ocean Shield	China was a contributing nation in the successful operation against pirates.
2012-present	Northern Mali conflict	China has peacekeeping forces in Mali and a major player in attempts to stabilise the region