



**Founding of  
the Xia  
Dynasty**

**c.2200 BC**



**Confucius**

**c.550 BC**



**Voyages  
of Zheng  
He**

**c.1405**



**First  
Opium  
War**

**1839-42**



**World  
War II  
(In Asia)**

**1937-45**



**Maoist  
Revolution**

**1949**



**“Made in  
China”  
Begins**

**1978**

