The Manchu Empire in the Eighteenth Century
1. Foundation of Qing dynasty
2. China's long 18th century
3. Europeans in China
Middle Imperial Period
ca. 600-1400

Song dynasty 宋
960 - 1279

Yuan dynasty 元
1279 - 1368

Ming dynasty 明
1368 - 1644

Late Imperial Period
c. 1400-1900

Qing dynasty 清
1644 - 1911

Republic of China 中華民國 1911-1949

Post-Dynastic Period
1911-present

People's Republic of China 中華人民共和國 1949 - present
Manchus
Jurchen
Jin dynasty
(1125-1234)
Nurhaci
d. 1626
Manchu Banner system

8 Manchurian
8 Mongol
8 Chinese
Manchu writing system
Jurčen → Manchu

Jin dynasty               Qing dynasty (1644-1911)
Taiwan
Fujian Prov.
1683

Lhasa, Tibet
1750-51

Xinjiang
1768
queue=Manchu hairstyle
Machang Chasing an Enemy
Giusppe Castiglione (1688-1766)
Manchu bannerman
Six Ministries
1. Civil Affairs
2. Finance
3. Rituals
4. War
5. Justice
6. Public Works

Provincial Governor

Governor-General
Grand Council

Palace Memorial System
baojia system of mutual responsibility

jia = 100 households
bao = 10 jia (=1,000 households)
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Kangxi Emperor  r. 1662-1722

Yongzheng Emperor  r. 1722-1736

Qianlong Emperor  r. 1736-1795
Kangxi Emperor
r. 1662-1722
Repairing the dikes of the Yellow River
Emperor Kangxi's Tour of the South (detail)
Kangxi Emperor
r. 1662-1722

Yongzheng Emperor
r. 1722-1736

Qianlong Emperor
r. 1736-1795
The Complete Books of the Four Treasuries
*Siku quanshu*, comp. late 18th c.

evidential scholarship
*kaozheng* 考證
Neo-Confucian approaches to knowledge

INTERNAL

“preserving the mind”

cun xin 存心

EXTERNAL

“investigation of things”

gewu 格物

“reverential attention”

jing 敬
Population of China, 2 -2000 CE
The Scholars
Rulin waishi 儒林外史

Wu Jingzi 吳敬梓
1701-1754
baihua 白話 ("plain speech")
vernacular: the language of common, contemporary speech
Ming-Qing Vernacular Fiction

Water Margin/Outlaws of the Marsh, ca. 14th century
Romance of the Three Kingdoms, ca. 14th century
Journey to the West, 16th century

The Scholars, 18th century
Dream of Red Mansions 18th century
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Macao
Matteo Ricci
1552-1610
Jesuit missionary
Celestial sphere

gold leaf, pearls and cloisonné

h. 82 cm.

Qing dynasty
Tranquil Spring

Giuseppe Castiglione
(aka Lang Shining, 1688–1766)
Pine and Cranes
Giuseppe Castiglione and Tang Dai (1673–1752)