

## China

### Historical Context

- 2<sup>nd</sup> c. BCE      Opening of the Silk Road (continues well into modern period, ca. 18<sup>th</sup> c.)  
*note also: Persian Royal Road, completed by Darius I in 5<sup>th</sup> c BCE;*  
*expansion by Alexander the Great in 4<sup>th</sup> c. BCE*  
*links completed ca. 2<sup>nd</sup> c BCE under Han Dynasty*
- 255-207 BCE    Qin Dynasty; unification of China in 221 BC
- 221 BCE        Construction of the Great Wall commences (continues through 1368 CE)
- 68 CE          Buddhism officially est. in China  
(spreads south to Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Myanmar, etc. through 400s)
- 538 CE        Buddhism est. in Japan from Korea
- 1103 CE        Publication of the Yingzao Fashi (Li Jie) by Emperor Huizong of the Song Dynasty
- 1368-1644 CE   Ming Dynasty
- 1644-1911 CE   Qing Dynasty

### Buddhist Monuments

Cave shrines (esp. at Dunhuang, Yungang, and Longmen)

Pagodas

### Courtyard Designs

The Forbidden City

    Drum Tower

    Bell Tower

    Three Great Halls of State

Lama Temple

### Terms

chi wen

hutong

dougong

feng shui

pagoda

qi

siheyuan

wenshou