Origins of Chinese Civilization:
Neolithic Period to the Western Zhou Dynasty
Present-day China
Migration Routes of the “The Seven Daughters of Eve”
Spread of Oriental Peoples into North America
Prehistory of the Chinese Civilization:

China considered itself to be the center of the world. While it is clear today that all peoples came out of Africa, there have been people in China for nearly 100,000 years.

Modern man came to China during the Neolithic period ca. 10,000-5,000 BC.

7 millennia ago, a civilization was fully operational in China: With division north and south—north colder produced grains and the south warmer produced rice.

There was also a cultural split east-west.
Neolithic China: The Yangshao and Lungshan
ca. 12,000-2,000 BC
The Yangshao and Lungshan

Pottery from this Neolithic
c. 4000 BC
Shang Dynasty
ca. 1600-1050 BC
Shang invented writing and used it on tortoise shells for divination among the regular uses.

NB Chinese developed as a logographic and not a phonetic language.
Shang Bronzes
Zhou Dynasty ca. 1050-256 BC

Zhou Dynasty at its greatest extent

black lines represent Great Walls built by the Zhou
Zhou Dynasty

- Reduction of human sacrifice
- Heaven came into their religion
- Ethical worldly system tied to divine will
- Rulers ruled with divine approval or else
Toatie Rubbings

Crest

C-horn

Tail

Quill

Lower jaw

Forehead

Fang

Snout

Upper jaw or trunk

Beak or fang

Eye

Leg
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Interesting chapter sites:
http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hm/01/hm01.htm

http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/history/

General travel information:
http://depts.washington.edu/chinaciv/timeline.htm

http://travel.state.gov/travel/china.html

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips_china.html