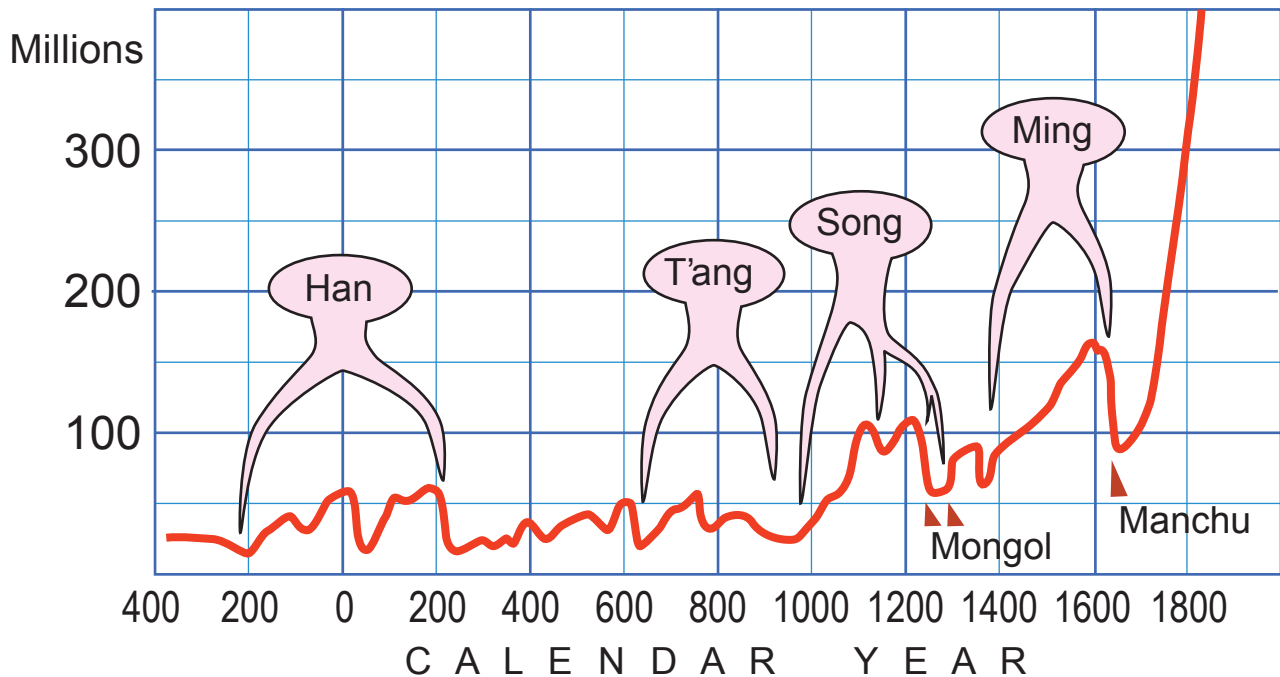


China's Population History



The Qin (pronounced Chin) was the first time that China was a single country. A dynasty is a ruling family. The Qin gave us the word "China," but the Dynasty did not last long. The Han Dynasty took over and ruled for more than 400 years.

1. Write the word Qin near the population line just to the left (older) than the Han.

The population at the beginning of the Han Dynasty was less than 20 million.

By the year 0, the population had reached a peak of about million.
(That's more than California and New York put together.)

2. What happened to the population from the year 0 to the end of the Han Dynasty?

3. Put an X by the best generalization about the start of the four big dynasties:

- a. They all started at a time of high population and lost people for 100 years.
- b. They all started at a time of low population and had rapid growth for awhile.

The T'ang Dynasty started just after China lost more than half of its people. This was a big problem, but it was not the worst time in Chinese history.

4. What was the highest population near the end of the Han Dynasty? _____

5. What was the population shortly after the end of the Han Dynasty? _____

In 1234 the Mongols invaded northern China; the Song continued to rule south China. By 1279 the Mongols finally conquered the southern part and ruled over all of China.

6. Did the population go down more when the Mongols attacked the north or when they finally captured the south? _____

7. What was the highest population during the Ming Dynasty? _____

8. What was the low population shortly after the end of the Ming Dynasty? _____