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**The Rise of Chinese Civilization:
Neolithic and Early Bronze Age (6500-1500 BC)**

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OVERVIEW:

- I. The Early Neolithic (7000?-5000 BC)
Origins of agriculture and in China and beginnings of Chinese traditional lifeways
- II. The Yangshao Period (5000-3000 BC)
Cultural diversity and increase in sociopolitical complexity; origins of Chinese ritual art (painted pottery, jades)
- III. The Terminal Neolithic/Chalcolithic: The Longshan Period (3000-2000 BC)
Transition to urban settlement; regional systems of exchange; ritual art connected to the ancestral cult (high-end ceramics, jades)
- IV. The Early Bronze Age: Erlitou and Its Contemporaries (1900-1500 BC).
Technological and artistic innovations connected to the rise of the state-level civilization (bronzes, monumental architecture)

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