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Fig. 1 Painted Pottery with Man-Fish
Pattern Used by the Banpo People



Fig. 2 Black Pottery of Dawenkou



Fig. 3 Portrait of the Yellow Emperor (left) and the Red Emperor (right)



Fig. 4 A Painting of Chang'e
Legend has it that Chang'e drank the elixir and fled to the Moon Palace in the heaven after hearing about Yi Yi's death from Han Zhuo.



Fig. 5 Oracle Bone Script

Discovered from the Yin Ruins, it is the earliest known Chinese writing and proof of divination practice in the Shang Dynasty.



Fig. 6 A Painting of Goujian Sleeping on a Pile of Firewood at Night and Licking a Gall Bladder



Fig. 7 Portrait of Yue Yi



Fig. 8 Portrait of Confucius
Giving Lectures in Xingtan
It is painted on a silk scroll by Wu Bin of the Ming Dynasty and currently located with the Qufu Cultural Relics Management Committee.



Fig. 9 *Zhuangzi Dreams of Butterfly*



Fig. 10 Yuan Dynasty Blue-and-White Porcelain Vase Featuring the Story of "Guiguzi Coming Down the Mountain"



Fig. 11 A Picture-Story Book Entitled *Meng Jiangnü Bringing Down the Great Wall with Her Tears*
The legend demonstrates people's hatred towards the construction of the Great Wall and their resistance against the tyranny of Qin Shi Huang.



Fig. 12 A Painting of the Dazexiang Uprising



Fig. 13 A Painting of Wang Zhaojun's Marriage
Outside the Great Wall
*It is attributed to modern artist Ni Tian and now
preserved in the Palace Museum in Beijing.*



Fig. 14 A Painting of Daoist Yoga during the Western Han Dynasty
It was excavated in 1974 from Tomb No.3 of Mawangdui, Changsha, Hunan Province.



Fig. 15 A Silk Painting Depicting Han Ministers Boasting of Their Contributions to the Emperor



Fig. 16 Portrait of Sun Quan, the Founder of the State of Wu in the Three Kingdoms Period



Fig. 17 Portrait of Tuoba Tao



Fig. 18 Goguryeo Wall Painting of the Hunting Scene



Fig. 19 Portrait of Li Yuan, Emperor Gaozu of Tang



Fig. 20 Portrait of Emperor Gaozong of the Southern Song Dynasty



Fig. 21 *Kublai Khan Hunting*



Fig. 22 *Cold Forest and Mountains* by Li Cheng



Fig. 23 Portrait of Zhu Di, the Yongle Emperor of the Ming Dynasty



Fig. 24 Portrait of Zhu Qiyu, the Jingtai Emperor of the Ming Dynasty



Fig. 25 Portrait of Zhu Yijun, Emperor Shenzong of the Ming Dynasty



Fig. 26 Portrait of Nurhaci