



The History of Tang Poetry

(Part 1)

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
chéngyǔ	成语	Chinese Sayings.
Chǔ Cí	楚辞	the Songs of Chǔ the Verses of Chǔ
Chǔ Huái Wáng	楚怀王	King Huai of Chu, reigned 328-299 BCE
Chǔ Hàn Contention	楚汉战争	The war between Western Chu led by Xiang Yu and Han led by Liu Bang. Lasted from
Chǔ Kingdom	楚国	Warring States kingdom that ran from 403 to 227 BCE
Cài Zōngqí	蔡宗齐	One of many renowned translators of classical Chinese literature into English
diànhuà	电话	telephone
Diào Qū Yuán Fù	吊屈原赋	Lament for Qū Yuán, a Fu poem by Jia Yi
Dòngtíng Lake	洞庭湖	Lake that separates Hubei from Hunan
Dù Fǔ	杜甫	Another famous Tang poet. We'll get to him in Part 3.
Dú Qí Shī, zhī qí Rén	读其人, 知其人	You can know a person by their poetry
Emperor Han Gaozu	汉高祖	Han founding emperor, reigned 202 to 195 BCE
Fù	赋	Also referred to as rhapsody's . More about the Fu genre next episode
gùxiāng	故乡	Hometown
Hubei	湖北	Province in central China
Hǎi Rùi Bà Guān	海瑞罢官	Hǎi Rùi Dismissed From Office, a 1960's play by Wu Han

Jiǎ Yì	贾逸	More about him nnext episode, a pioneer in the new style of Fu poetry
King Zhāoxiāng	昭襄王	King Zhao of Qin, reigned fifty-seven years, 306-251 BCE
Kings Wén, Wǔ and Chéng	周文王, 武王, 成王	See above. King Cheng was son of King Wu. Nephew to the Duke of Zhou
Liu Bang	刘邦	Founder of the Han Dynasty
Lí Sāo	离骚	Qu Yuan's masterpiece, Li Sao, "Encountering Sorrow"
Lǐ Bái	李白	Famous Tang poet. We'll get to him in Part 3.
Máo Hēng	毛亨	Master Máo, compiler of the Classic of Poetry
Milúo Jiāng	汨罗江	The Miluó River
Qí	齐国	Warring State in Shandong
Qū Yuán	屈原	Chu poet and official who lived from around 340 to 278 BCE
Shī Jīng	诗经	The Book of Odes, Book of Songs, the Classic of Poetry
Shī Yán Zhì	诗言志	Poems speak what's on the mind of people
Shǐ Jì	史记	The Records of the Grand Historian
Sīmǎ Qiān	司马迁	Han Dynasty historian. Lived around 145 to 86 BCE
Wáng Wéi	王维	Another famous Tang poet. We'll get to him in Part 3.
Wǔjīng	五经	The Five Classics that make up the Confucian Canon
Xiányáng	咸阳	The Qin capital, present day Xian
Yíng Zhèng	嬴政	The King of Qin and later the first emperor of China, Qin Shihuang
Zhou Dynasty	周朝	Ancient Chinese dynasty ran 1046 to 771 BCE stem to stern.
Zhou King Wén	周文王	Founder of the Zhou Dynasty, father to King Wu and the Duke of Zhou. Reigned 1112
Zhànguó	战国时代	The Warring States Period app. 475 BCE to the establishment of the Qin in 221 BCE

Zòngzi	粽子	glutinous rice balls with all kinds of fillings, both sweet and savory
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