



KEY VOCABULARY

**Dynasty**

A **line of rulers of a country from the same family**. Parts of modern-day China were ruled by different dynasties for thousands of years

**Ming dynasty**

**Chinese dynasty** from 1368-1644 C.E.

**Calligraphy**

**Decorative handwriting**

**Character**

Chinese **writing symbols**

**Rice paper**

**Thin paper** used for Chinese painting

**Scroll**

A **roll of paper or silk** for writing or painting on. When rolled up, stored in a box

**Hand scroll**

A **long, narrow, horizontal scroll**, viewed by being held by the viewer, maybe on a table

**Hanging scroll**

A **scroll displayed vertically on a wall** for a short period of time

**Ink stick**

A **solid stick of ink**

**Ink stone**

A **stone for grinding ink on**

**Ceramic**

**Fired clay**

**Porcelain**

A **white translucent ceramic**

**Ming ware**

**Ming dynasty ceramics**

Early 15th century,  
Porcelain with  
cobalt blue  
Jar with dragon



Fisherman (with poem). c.1350  
Handscroll - ink on paper



Finches and Bamboo Early 12th century  
Handscroll - ink and colour on silk

c.1050  
Handscroll -  
ink and  
colour on silk

