



PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Zhuāngzǐ	庄子	369-286 BC, also known as the Daoist philosopher Zhuāng Zhōu, as well as the eponymous book The Zhuangzi (known as "The Second Book of the Dao").
Kǒngzǐ	孔子	Better known as the philosopher and poet, Confucius (551-479 BC)
Kǒng Qiū	孔丘	Confucius's personal name
Lǔ	鲁国	Zhou Dynasty state located in southern Shandong province (south of Qi State)
Shandong	山东	Province on the north China coast
chéngyǔ	成语	A Chinese idiom or saying
Hǔ Kǒu Yú Shēng	虎口余生	To be saved from the tiger's mouth - have a narrow escape from death
hǔ	虎	A tiger
kǒu	口	a mouth or opening
Yú	余	remainder, surplus
Shēng	生	to give birth to, grow
Yúshēng	余生	To survive a disaster, remainder of one's life
Lǎozǐ	老子	c. 500 BC, reverent term of address for the so-called "father of Daoism", Li Er (李耳). Also the name for the eponymous book
Zá Piān	杂篇	The Miscellaneous Chapters, a section of The Zhuangzi
Liǔ Xiàjì	柳下季	A philosopher, teacher and politician during the Spring and Autumn Period in China (720-621 BC)
Dào Zhí	盗跖	Robber Zhi, brother of Liu Xiaji

<b>Dào</b>	盜	A bandit or robber
<b>Qí</b>	齊國	A Zhou Dynasty state located in northern Shandong Province
<b>Yán Huí</b>	顏回	521-481 BC, a disciple of Confucius
<b>Zǐgòng</b>	子貢	c. 520, another well-known disciple of Confucius
<b>Tài Shān</b>	泰山	Sacred mountain located in Shandong in Tai'an, near the capital of Jinan
<b>King Wén</b>	周文王	1152-1056 BC, co-founder of the Zhou Dynasty, father of King Wu of Zhou
<b>King Wǔ</b>	周武王	c. 1043, first king of the Western Zhou Dynasty
<b>Wú</b>	吳國	An ancient state located in and around present day Jiangsu province
<b>Yuè</b>	越國	An ancient state located in and around present day Zhejiang province
<b>Sòng</b>	宋國	An ancient state located in and around present day eastern Henan province around Shangqiu
<b>Wèi</b>	衛國	An ancient state located in and around present day Henan and Hebei provinces
<b>Jìn</b>	晉國	An ancient state located in and around present day Shanxi province
<b>Qín</b>	秦國	An ancient state located in and around present day Shaanxi province
<b>lǐ</b>	里	(among other definitions) a traditional unit of length equivalent to 0.311 mile
<b>Yáo</b>	堯	A legendary sage king who lived c. 2200 BC
<b>Shùn</b>	舜	A legendary sage king who lived c. 2300 BC
<b>King Tāng of Shāng</b>	商湯	Legendary founder of the Shang Dynasty c.1646
<b>Zhōu</b>	周	The Zhou Dynasty 1046-256 BC
<b>Shén Nóng</b>	神農	c. 2000 BC, The Divine Farmer, inventor of many useful things, including the discovery of tea
<b>Yellow Emperor</b>	黃帝	A mythological emperor of China who reigned 2697-2597 BC
<b>Chī Yóu</b>	蚩尤	A legendary tribal leader who was defeated and killed by The Yellow Emperor

Zhuōlù	涿鹿	a county in Hebei province near Zhangjiakou
King Zhòu of Shāng	商纣王	also known as Zhou Xin 纣辛, c. 1100, last king of the Shang Dyansty
Zǐ Lù	子路	542-480 BC, a disciple of Confucius
Chén	陈国	A Zhou Dynasty state
Cài	蔡国	A Zhou Dynasty state
Táng Yáo	唐尧	See above Yáo
Yú Shùn	虞舜	See above Shun
Yǔ the Great	大禹	Legendary founder of the Xia Dynasty (c.21st-16th Century BC)
Yǎolǐ	姜里	An ancient place located in Henan Province
Bóyí	伯夷	Mythical hero from ancient times who helped Shun and Yu the Great tame the floods
Shūqí	叔齐	Brother of Boyi (see above)
Gū Zhú	孤竹国	An ancient Zhou vassal state located around Tangshan, Hebei Province
Mount Shǒuyáng	首阳山	A mountain located in Henan just south of Luoyang
Bào Jiāo	鲍焦	Zhou Dynasty hermit, dissatisfied with the politics of the day, he escaped into the mountains and forests, hugged a tree and died.
Jiè Zǐtuī	介子推	c. 7th C. BCE legendary selfless subject of Duke Wen of Jin, in whose honor the Qingming Festival is said to have been initiated
Duke Wén of Jìn	晋文公	697-628 BC, Leader of Jin State and one of the Five Hegemons
Wěi Shēng	尾生	A legendary character who waited for his love under a bridge until he drowned in surging waters
Bǐ Gān	比干	Son of the Shang king Wen Ding, and an uncle of the last Shang king, the wicked Di Xin. He is immortalized as a Taoist deity The God of Wealth
Wǔ Zǐxū	伍子胥	A Western Zhou Dynasty general and politician of the Wu kingdom. He is remembered for his loyalty and as the "First Ancestor" of the Chinese family name "Wu" (伍)
chūchù	出处	The source of a quotation
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