

**Table 3.1** Chronology of seminal events surrounding the Commandery Period (108 BC–AD 313)

	China	South/West	Korea	Japan
2000–1027 BC	Shang Dynasty in China			
1027–221 BC	Zhou Dynasty in China			
667 or 660 BC				Traditional dates of <i>Jinmu's</i> ascendance to throne
400 BC–AD 0			Late Bronze/Early Iron Age in Korea	Middle Yayoi period in Japan
200 BC–AD 0				
221–206 BC	Qin Dynasty in China			
206 BC–AD 220	Han Dynasty in China			
206 BC–AD 9	Early Han period, capital in Chang'an			
196 BC		Bestowal of rank on King Nanyüè in southern China Mainland		
194 BC			Establishment of Weiman Chosŏn	
140–87 BC	Reign of Emperor Wu of China			
135 BC	End of <i>hegin</i> system; beginning of military expansion and Han Tributary System			
128 BC			Submission of tribute to Han from the north Korean Peninsula	

109 BC	Bestowal of rank on Dian king in southwestern China Mainland	
108 BC		Commanderies established in Manchuria and northern Korea
108 BC–AD 313	Existence of Lelang (the Commandery Period)	
101 BC		Ferghana subdued; access to Arabian horses established
1st c. BC		<i>Building of Yoshinogari mound-burial</i>
1st c. BC–4th c. AD	Cult of Queen Mother of the West in China	
3 BC	Queen Mother millennial movement in northeast China	
AD 0–300		Late Iron Age/Samhan/Proto-Three Kingdoms in Korea
AD 0–200		<i>Late Yayoi period in Japan</i>
AD 9–23	Wang Mang interregnum	
AD 23–220	Late Han period, capital in Luoyang	
AD 23	Late Han tributary system established	

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	China	South/West	Korea	Japan
AD 27–57	Reign of Emperor Guangwu of China			
AD 32–33			Koguryō sends embassy to Han Court	
AD 47			Koguryō raids on commandery(s)	
AD 51		Submission of tribute from peoples in modern Yunnan		
AD 57				Bestowal of Chinese court rank on King of Na
AD 69		Submission of tribute from peoples in modern Yunnan		
AD 81–88	Localized iron monopolies			
AD 105–106			Koguryō attacks Xuantu and Liaodong commanderies	
AD 121			Koguryō attacks commandery and sends tribute to Han Court	
AD 140	Flow of Han Dynasty mirrors to Japan slows to trickle			

AD 142	Daoist church founded by ZHANG Dao Ling	
AD 150	<i>Flow of Han Dynasty mirrors to Japan resumes</i>	
AD 147–189		Weizhi reports <i>Wa Disturbances</i>
AD 167		<i>Earliest deity-beast mirror in Japan</i>
AD 178–83		Liangshu reports <i>Wa Disturbances</i>
AD 167–169		
AD 184–196	Revolt of the Yellow Turbans in Han China	
AD 190–350		Koguryō attacks
AD 196–219	<i>Jian'an era mirrors made and distributed to Japan</i>	<i>Era of Makimuku ceramics and existence of Makimuku</i>
AD 200–250		
AD 204–220		<i>Terminal Yayoi period in Japan</i>
AD 207		Daifang commandery established during this time by Gongsun warlord
		Koguryō moves capital to Wantu
AD 219–249	End of Han Dynasty, succeeded by Three Kingdoms (Wei, Wu and Shu-Han)	<i>Adjusted dates for Sujin's reign</i>
AD 220		

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	China	South/West	Korea	Japan
AD 220			Koguryō attacks commandery; sends tribute to Han Court	
AD 221–265	Wei Dynasty in northern China Mainland			
AD 221–263	Wu Dynasty in southeastern China Mainland			
AD 221–263	Shu-Han Dynasty in southwestern China Mainland			
AD 231	Centralized control of Daoist church disintegrates			
AD 233–297	Compilation of <i>Wei Zhi</i> , chronicles of the Wei Dynasty			
AD 238–65	Wei operates Daifang commandery			
AD 238	Wei takes over Daifang			
AD 238				First embassy from Himiko to Daifang
AD 240	Wei envoy visits Himiko	Koguryō plunders Yalu estuary		
AD 243				Second embassy from Himiko to Daifang

AD 244–45	Wei attacks Koguryō	Third embassy from Himiko to Daifang
AD 248		
AD 248		Himiko's postulated death date
AD 250		Beginning of Sujin line of kings and Miwa Court
AD 250–710		Kofun period in Japan (Early 250–400, Middle 400–475, Late 475–710)
AD 250–300		EK-1 phase of Early Kofun
AD 258		Sujin's postulated death date
AD 265	Wei collapses	
AD 265–316	Western Jin Dynasty on China Mainland	
AD 266		Embassy from Iyo, Himiko's successor, to Western Jin Court
AD 266	<i>Last mention of Wa in Chinese records</i>	
AD 280	Daifang commandery abandoned; end of Chinese dynastic power in East Asian periphery	
AD 300–668		Three Kingdoms period in Korea
AD 302	Li De founded Cheng-Han Daoist state in Sichuan	
AD 311	Sacking of Chinese capital of Luoyang	
AD 313		Koguryō destroys Lelang commandery

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	China	South/West	Korea	Japan
AD 317–419	Eastern Jin Dynasty established on China Mainland			
AD 346				<i>Traditional date of Ōjin's enthronement</i>
AD 350				<i>Makimuku abandoned</i>
AD 362				<i>Chūai's postulated death date; end of Miwa Court</i>
AD 375				<i>Beginning of Ōjin line of kings and Kawachi Court</i>
AD 421	<i>Resumption of mention of Wa in Chinese records</i>			
AD 443	Invention of <i>yuanyijiali</i> calendar			
AD 461				
AD 500				<i>Nihon Shoki becomes chronologically valid</i>
AD 552				<i>Beginning of Keitai line of kings and Asuka Court</i>
AD 581–618	Sui Dynasty			<i>Introduction of Buddhism from Paekche</i>
AD 710				<i>Capital moved from Fujiwara to Heijō</i>
AD 710–94				<i>Nara period in Japan</i>
AD 618–90	Tang Dynasty in China			
AD 665	Invention of <i>ifengli</i> calendar			
AD 794–1185				<i>Heian period in Japan</i>

For more dates for Korea, see Barnes 2001 (SFK Appendix 1A). Events directly involving Japan are in *italic*