



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 jar with  
cobalt blue dragon



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



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

c.1050 hand  
scroll - ink and  
colour on silk

