Marks on Later Chinese Porcelain. It is said, that the only rule that is really certain when it comes to Chinese reign marks, is that most of them are NOT from the period they say. Still the marks are something of a fingerprint of the potter and its time. If carefully studied they offer a great help in identifying the date and maker of most Chinese porcelain. Offered here is an attempt to identify some of the marks on mostly late, trade and export quality porcelain. This section is about commercial workshop and export marks of the mid 19th century and later. For further discussions on antique Chinese Discover Chinese porcelain's history: from the earliest china in the Han Dynasty, to Qing Dynasty masterpieces, with details on china in the West and East Asia. It took years for the process to be replicated anywhere else, but by then the ubiquity of Chinese porcelain was firmly stamped in the books of history. Learn about the history of this artistic marvel from ancient China to the present day. The Eastern Han Dynasty (25–220). Though there is some controversy about this, it is thought that porcelain was invented about the time of the Eastern Han Empire. It is thought that the first porcelain was made by firing the ceramic materials to the necessary temperature.