

## **Bamboo Strips**

*jiǎndú* (简牍)

Before the Chinese invented paper in 205A.D., they used *jiǎndú* (简牍) or long bamboo strips to record their writings. The bamboo strips were as long as a chopstick and twice as wide. The wood strips would be bound together to create a book or manual. The earliest surviving bamboo volumes dated to the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. However, references in these and later bamboo strips indicate that they were used possibly as early as the Shang dynasty (商代) – ending around 1100 B.C.

Wikipedia Bamboo and Wooden Strips

