

Ancient Egyptian Chronological Outline

5500-4000	Badari (Predynastic)	Agriculturalists settle down in the Nile Valley.
4000-3150	Naqada (Predynastic)	Pastoralists come in from the desert during a dry spell and transform Egyptian society, emergence of economic and social inequality.
3150-3050	Naqada/Dynasty 0 (Predynastic)	King Scorpion, Narmer, economic and military consolidation, trade to Palestine, Nubia.
3050-2675	Early Dynastic/Archaic (1-2)	Political unification and beginning of dynastic rule.
2675-2180	Old Kingdom (3-6)	Pyramids, Pyramids, Pyramids! Khufu, Khafre & Menkaure at Giza. A highly centralized, bureaucratic nation state emerges.
2180-2040	1 st Intermediate Period (7-11)	Egypt descends into civil war triggered by a combination of famine and political instability.
2040-1650	Middle Kingdom (11-13)	Re-unification, more pyramids, and the conquest of Lower (northern) Nubia.
1650-1550	2 nd Intermediate Period (14-17)	The Palestinian Hyksos bring down the Middle Kingdom, the Kermans take over Nubia.
1550-1070	New Kingdom (18-20)	Egyptians kick out the Hyksos and carve a huge Empire in the Levant and Nubia. King Tut, monotheist Akhenaton, the female Pharaoh Hatshepsut, Ramses II.
1070-664	3 rd Intermediate (21-25)	Egypt loses its empire but stays together, Libyans in the north and Nubians take over the show with the Kushite (Napatan) Dynasty 25. Intact royal burials at Tanis.
664-332	Late Period (26-31)	Nubians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, Egyptians, Greeks – oh my! Most of the time Egypt is ruled by foreigners.
332-30	Ptolomaic (Greek)	Alexander the Great conquers everything, General Ptolomy takes over Egypt. Alexandria founded and becomes a premier intellectual and commercial center of the Hellenistic world.
30 – AD 400	Roman	Cleopatra & Antony defeated at Actium, Rome takes over. Christianity spells an end to ancient Egyptian civilization.

The British Museum

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/menu.html>

A great web site for general background information about ancient Egyptian history and religion.

<http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/compass/>

The BM's search engine for artifacts, essays, and special features. Search for mummies and check out their virtual mummy exhibit tour.

The Wikipedia site provides a good and reliable overview of Egyptian history

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_ancient_Egypt

Lots of good info and fun games on the BBC's Egypt web site.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/egyptians/>

Interactive maps of the Valley of the Kings and loads of info on the Theban Necropolis – a very cool site.

<http://www.thebanmappingproject.com/>

Lots of general info about ancient Egypt

<http://members.tripod.com/~ib205/book.html>

The Petrie Museum at University College London

<http://www.digitalegypt.ucl.ac.uk/>

The Egyptian Museum in Cairo

<http://www.egyptianmuseum.gov.eg/home.html>

<http://www.animalmummies.com/>

The New York Metropolitan Museum of Art Egyptian Department

http://www.metmuseum.org/Works_of_Art/department.asp?dep=10

Everything (and more) you wanted to know about New Kingdom royal mummies

http://anubis4_2000.tripod.com/mummypages1/introduction.htm