

Egyptian Era	Approx. Years	Dynasties	Major Events
Predynastic	3200-2950 BC	n/a	3100 BC, Unification under King Narmer/Menes
Early Dynastic	2950-2575 BC	I-III	Capitol = Memphis, development of hieroglyphs
Old Kingdom	2575-2134 BC	IV-VIII	Strong gov't, pyramids/sphinx built
1 st Intermediate Period	2134-1975 BC	IX-XI	Famine causes nation to split into 2 again
Middle Kingdom	1975-1640 BC	XI-XIV	Nation reunited; imperial expansion
2 nd Intermediate Period	1640-1520 BC	XV-XVIII	Divided again; invaded by Hyksos people
New Kingdom	1520-1070 BC	XVIII-XX	Greatest prosperity & expansion; kings referred to as pharaohs
3 rd Intermediate Period	1070-712 BC	XXI-XXII	Civil war between pharaohs and priesthood; conquered by Kush
Late Period	712-332 BC	XXIII-XXX	Lived under Nubian rule; conquered once and for all by Alexander the Great in 332 BC