

Time Chart – Egypt

<u>B.C.</u>	<u>Political Events</u>	<u>Development of Literature</u>
3100	Unification of Upper & Lower Egypt	Invention of writing? Pre-3000 <u>Old Egyptian</u>
3000		Pyramid Texts
2900	Early Dynastic Period (Dynasties 1 & 2)	
2800		
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2600		
2500		Appearance of first “Instruction” - Hardjedef
2400	Old Kingdom (Dynasties 3-6)	
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2200	1 st Intermediate Period (Dynasties 7-11) decentralization; civil wars	many literary compositions and official documents “Pessimistic” writings, Execration texts
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1900	Middle Kingdom (Dynasties 11-13)	<u>Middle Egyptian</u> (“classical”) “Satire of the Trades”
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1600	2 nd Intermediate Period (Dynasties 14 -17) Hyksos, decentralization	
1500		New emphasis on personal piety Didactic teachings no longer exclusive to the aristocracy
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1300	New Kingdom (Dynasties 18-20)	Amarna Neo-Egyptian Amenemope Turin Canon
1200	invasion of Sea Peoples	
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800	3 rd Intermediate Period (Dynasties 21-25)	<u>Late (“low”) Egyptian</u> - Demotic introduction of one-line didactic sentences (previously 2-liners)
700	Assyrian Invasions	
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500	Invasion of Cambyses	
400	Late Period (Dynasties 26-30)	
300		Manetho’s history of Egypt