Ancient Egypt

Pre-dynastic & Early Dynastic Egypt  5400-2649 bce
Pharaohs
dynasty
Hathor, Horus, Isis, Osiris
Narmer

Old Kingdom 2649-2150 bce
Hieroglyph
Canopic jar
Step pyramid
necropolis
Imhotep
Djoser
Khufu, Khafre, Menkaure
pyramid
Khamerenebty
Sphinx
Nemes headdress
Lotus & papyrus
columns

First Intermediate Pyramid 2143-1991 bce

Middle Kingdom 1991-1700 bce
Sesostris  III
Rock cut tomb
Egypt
3100 BCE

OK - old kingdom
MK - middle kingdom
NK - new kingdom
OK - old kingdom
Early dynastic
Upper Egypt
Lower Egypt
Nile river
Hierakonpolis c. 3500 BCE
Palette of King Narmer, stone, 25”, 3000 bce
Serekh (flattened cartouche)

Nar-mer (fish-chisel)
NARMER APE
Berlin Staatl. Mus. 22607
Uncertain reading of the name beside the serekh: Khnem (Herap 7)
Mummification

Ka
Anubis
Linen
Hieroglyphics c3100 BCE
Hiero = sacred    glypho- | carve
Rosetta stone 196 BCE
Basalt, 4'
Decree from priests in honor of pharaoh

Same passage, 3 scripts

Top - Hieroglyphics
Used for religious texts primarily

Middle - Demotic
Abridged form of above for daily life

Bottom - Greek
Mummified bodies of NK pharaohs, Seti & Hatshepsut

Ka
Egyptians removed the liver, intestines, lungs and the stomach of the mummy and placed them in Canopic jars. The tops of the jars were the Sons of Horus and each protected a different organ.
Amulets
Shaths
Sarcophagi with portraits, wood, stone, gold
Outer coffin of wood, stone, gold....placed in mastaba, pyramid or in MK & NK rock cut tomb
Book of the Dead (NK example)
Hunefer, Weighing of the Soul 1295 BCE
Hunefer, *Opening of the Mouth* 1295 BCE
Pynedjem’s Priest before Osiris
Painted Papyrus 10th century BCE
21st dynasty 13th
Nefertari & Isis, Nefertari’s tomb, NK example
mastaba
Burial of “middle class” Egyptian woman pre-dynastic (c. 3000 BCE)
Step pyramid
Funerary Complex of King Djoser at Saqqara c. 2700 BCE
Debbie at step pyramid of Djoser
Designed by Imhotep
Step-pyramid
Later OK Tomb furnishings at Saqqara c. 2500 BCE
Scribe, painted limestone, inlaid eyes, 21”, c. 2500 BCE
Saqqara

Seneb, wife & children
4th dynasty, Cairo museum
Giza, 4th dynasty, c. 2600 BCE
4th dynasty kings:

Khufu (Cheops)
Khafre (Chephren)
Menkaure (Mycerinus)
- Flood plain
- Harbor
- Water filled causeways
Khufu (Cheops)
Khufu (Cheops)
j-k. Valley Temple of Khafre (Chephren)
Valley Temple Khafre (Chephren)
Sphinxes....
Sphinx built by Khafre (Chephren)
A portrait of Khafre (Chephren)?
Khafre (Chephren) diorite, 6’ c. 2500 BCE
Khafre (Chephren)
Menkaure (Mycerninus) & Khamerenebty
stone, 54" c. 2500 BCE
Menkaure (Mycerninus) Hathor & Hare - Nome
Prince Rahotep & Wife Nofret c. 2550 BCE, limestone, 4’
Merye-Ankhnes & son
King Pepy II
Alabaster, 15”
c. 2200 bce
First Intermediate Period 2150-1991

end of 6th Dynasty

Internal civil disruption

King Inteff below - 11 dynasty -
did not rule all of Egypt
Middle Kingdom 1990–1700 BCE
King Mentuhotep & tomb
Middle Kingdom BCE
Valley of Kings and Queens
Lady Senuwy, 1970 BCE, granite 66”
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Less formal, more naturalistic & rounded
Sesostris I, 12th dynasty wood 23” 1926 BCE
Pectoral Sesostris II c. 1895

“May the sun god give eternal life to Sesostris”
Tomb of General Beni Hasan
1985 BCE
Rock cut tomb
Middle Eastern Immigrants & Traders c. 1890 bce
MK tomb furnishings
Faience
Pectoral
House model
Nobleman’s house & garden, MK
Models from tomb of Meketre, Deir-el-Bahri c. 1990 ptd. wood