	Old Kingdom	Middle Kingdom	New Kingdom
Dates	3100 BC – 2040 BC	2040 BC – 1800 BC	1600 BC – 1100 BC
Important People	King Menes Nomarchs	Mentuhotep	Amenhotep IV (Akhenate) Tutankhamen (Tut) Hatshepsut Thutmose III Ramses II Cleopatra
Important Events	 Menes unites Upper and Lower Egypt and becomes the first pharaoh Menes makes Memphis the capital Nomarchs begin to fight for power Egypt is divided into two kingdoms 	 Mentuhotep becomes king and unites Egypt Thebes is made the capital Hyksos from Canaan conquer Egypt with their metal weapons (scimitars) and horse-drawn chariots 	 Egyptians defeats the Hyksos and take control of Egypt again Amenhotep IV makes Egypt monotheistic and makes Akhetaton the capital King Tut restores the gods and makes Thebes the capital again Civil war and invasions bring an end to the Egyptian civilization
Important Achievements	 Many pyramids were built - Great Pyramid of Giza Great Sphinx was built Hieroglyphics invented 	Built dams and other structuresExpanded kingdom to NubiaTrade expanded	Called the Golden Age or Age of Empire