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The Origins of Western Art: From The Paleolithic Through The Aegean Bronze Age

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Tuesday, July 23, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET

EGYPTIAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Lecture 3

PERIODS / CHRONOLOGY

- Predynastic = ca. 5000–2920 BCE
- Early Dynastic = ca. 2920–2649 BCE
- Old Kingdom = ca. 2649–2134 BCE
 - Dynasty 3: Djoser (ca. 2630–2611)
 - Dynasty 4: Khufu (ca. 2551–2528); Khafre (ca. 2520–2494); Menkaure (ca. 2490–2472)
- Middle Kingdom = ca. 2040–1640 BCE
- New Kingdom = ca. 1550–1070 BCE
 - Dynasty 18: Hatshepsut (ca. 1473–1458); Akhenaton (ca. 1353–1335); Tutankhamen (ca. 1333–1323)
 - Dynasty 19: Ramses II (ca. 1290–1224)

KEY ARTIFACTS / STRUCTURES FROM LECTURE

Predynastic / Early Dynastic (ca. 5000–2649 BCE)

1. Palette of Narmer, from Hierakonpolis, Predynastic (ca. 3000–2920)

Old Kingdom (ca. 2649–2134 BCE)

2. Stepped Pyramid of Djoser, Old Kingdom (ca. 2630–2611)
3. Meidum Pyramid, Bent Pyramid & Red Pyramid at Dahshur (ca. 2575–2551)
4. Great Pyramid Complex, Gizeh, Old Kingdom (ca. 2551–2472): Khufu, Khafre
5. Old Kingdom Freestanding Sculptures: Khafre; Seated Scribe

New Kingdom (ca. 1550–1070 BCE)

6. Mortuary temple of Hatshepsut, Deir el-Bahri, New Kingdom (ca. 1473–1458)
7. Frescoes from tomb of Nebamun, Thebes, New Kingdom (ca. 1400–1350)
8. Sculptures of Akhenaton and Nefertiti (ca. 1353–1335)
9. Tutankhamen and his tomb (ca. 1323)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

- Kathryn A. Bard, *An Introduction to the Archaeology of Ancient Egypt*
- Gay Robins, *The Art of Ancient Egypt*
- Craig B. Smith, *How the Great Pyramid was Built*
- Denys A. Stocks, *Experiments in Egyptian Archaeology: Stoneworking Technology in Ancient Egypt*
- Richard Parkinson, *The Painted Tomb Chapel of Nebamun*



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