

Africa

Oldowan

Years BP: 2300000 - 1600000

Location: Eastern Africa.

Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherer / scavengers living in small bands. Associated with *Homo habilis* and early *Homo erectus*.

OAT code: 0005

OWC code: F030

Acheulean

Years BP: 1800000 - 200000

Location: Africa and Western Europe.

Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with *Homo erectus*.

OAT code: 0010

OWC code: F035

Southern and Eastern Africa Middle Stone Age

Years BP: 200000 - 40000

Location: Africa.

Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with archaic *Homo sapiens*.

OAT code: 0020

OWC code: F045

Middle Paleolithic Egypt

Years BP: 230000 - 45000

Location: Nile valley in Egypt and westward in northern Egypt and Sudan.

Description: Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities. Associated with archaic *Homo sapiens*.

OAT code: 0040

OWC code: MR45

Aterian

Years BP: 100000 - 8000

Location: Northern Africa.

Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers, focused on big game, and living in small, egalitarian bands.

OAT code: 6005

OWC code: M060

Late Pleistocene-Early Holocene Maghreb

Years BP: 20000 - 7500

Location: Mediterranean coast of Northern Africa.

Description: Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

OAT code: 6010

OWC code: M050

Southern Mediterranean Neolithic

Years BP: 7500 - 4000

Location: Mediterranean coast of North Africa.

Description: Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with some domesticated livestock (sheep, pigs, and cattle), and living in small, egalitarian communities.

OAT code: 6025

OWC code: M053

- Neolithic of Capsian** *Years BP:* 7500 - 4000
Location: Northern Africa.
Description: Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with some domesticated livestock (sheep, pigs, and cattle), and living in small, egalitarian communities.
OAT code: 6030 *OWC code:* M062
- North African Protohistoric** *Years BP:* 4000 - 3000
Location: Northern Africa.
Description: Sedentary or semi-sedentary pastoralists and agriculturalists living in large villages with a chiefdom political organization. Historic period follows.
OAT code: 6035 *OWC code:* M066
- Saharo-Sudanese Neolithic** *Years BP:* 8000 - 3000
Location: Sahara region of northern Africa.
Description: Semi-nomadic pastoralists, some with supplementary agriculture, living in small communities. Desertification begins late in the period and climaxes by 3000 BP. Desert areas become virtually uninhabited.
OAT code: 6040 *OWC code:* MS60
- Southern and Eastern Africa Later Stone Age** *Years BP:* 40000 - 2000
Location: Eastern and southern Africa.
Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands.
OAT code: 6060 *OWC code:* F050
- Wilton** *Years BP:* 10000 - 2000
Location: Cape region of southern Africa.
Description: Nomadic hunter/gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands. Some reliance on marine resources in coastal areas.
OAT code: 6065 *OWC code:* FX50
- South African Iron Age** *Years BP:* 2000 - 500
Location: Southern Africa.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists and pastoralists living in villages, some large. Late in the tradition there is evidence of regional chiefdoms or states developing. Continues into the historic period.
OAT code: 6075 *OWC code:* F057
- East African Microlithic** *Years BP:* 20000 - 5000
Location: Northeast Africa and the Horn.
Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.
OAT code: 6080 *OWC code:* M071

- East African Neolithic** *Years BP:* 5000 - 1200
Location: Northeastern Africa and the Horn.
Description: Semi-sedentary pastoralists and agriculturalists living in small villages, most integrated into larger, regional chiefdoms and states. Ends in the historic period.
OAT code: 6090 *OWC code:* M074
- Early Khartoum** *Years BP:* 10000 - 5700
Location: Nile valley in Nubia and the Sudan.
Description: Semi-sedentary or sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers living in small villages.
OAT code: 6095 *OWC code:* MS45
- Khartoum Neolithic** *Years BP:* 5700 - 3550
Location: Nile valley in Nubia and the Sudan.
Description: Sedentary pastoralists and agriculturalists living in villages, integrated into regional chiefdoms or states, particularly late in the tradition. Integrated into Egyptian empire by the end of the time period.
OAT code: 6100 *OWC code:* MS50
- Late Paleolithic Egypt** *Years BP:* 45000 - 7000
Location: Upper Nile valley in Egypt.
Description: Village-dwelling hunter / fisher / gatherers with an egalitarian or ranked form of social organization.
OAT code: 6110 *OWC code:* MR50
- Upper Egypt Predynastic** *Years BP:* 7000 - 5000
Location: Upper Nile valley in Egypt.
Description: Sedentary, village-dwelling agriculturalists and fishers living in regional chiefdoms or simple states.
OAT code: 6115 *OWC code:* MR55
- Lower Egypt Predynastic** *Years BP:* 7000 - 5000
Location: Lower Nile valley in Egypt.
Description: Sedentary, village-dwelling agriculturalists and fishers living in regional chiefdoms or simple states.
OAT code: 6125 *OWC code:* MR60
- Early Dynastic Egypt** *Years BP:* 5000 - 4575
Location: Nile valley in Egypt.
Description: Sedentary, emerging state with a politico-religious hierarchy.
OAT code: 6130 *OWC code:* MR70

Protohistoric Egypt*Years BP:* 4575 - 3552*Location:* Nile valley in Egypt.*Description:* Powerful, expanding state with a complex bureaucracy, politico-religious hierarchy, and military organization. Includes the Old Kingdom, First Intermediate Period, and Middle Kingdom.*OAT code:* 6135*OWC code:* MR80**Tshitolian***Years BP:* 10000 - 4000*Location:* Congo basin.*Description:* Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.*OAT code:* 6160*OWC code:* FI71**Central African Neolithic***Years BP:* 4000 - 2000*Location:* Congo basin.*Description:* Settled village agriculturalists with a continuing reliance on hunting, fishing, and gathering. Cereal agriculture moves from north to south during this time period.*OAT code:* 6165*OWC code:* FI74**Central African Iron Age***Years BP:* 2000 - 500*Location:* Congo basin.*Description:* Settled agriculturalists living in large villages.*OAT code:* 6170*OWC code:* FI76**West African Late Stone Age***Years BP:* 40000 - 4000*Location:* Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.*Description:* Nomadic or semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.*OAT code:* 6175*OWC code:* FA70**West African Neolithic***Years BP:* 4000 - 2000*Location:* Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.*Description:* Semi-sedentary agriculturalists living in small communities.*OAT code:* 6180*OWC code:* FA73**West African Iron Age***Years BP:* 2500 - 1200*Location:* Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.*Description:* Sedentary agriculturalists living in small to moderate communities, some linked into regional chiefdoms or simple states.*OAT code:* 6185*OWC code:* FA75

West African Regional Development*Years BP:* 1200 - 630*Location:* Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.*Description:* Sedentary agriculturalists living in communities of varying size, some very large, and linked into regional chiefdoms and states. Time range covers only the period before European contact, but the tradition continues into the historic period.*OAT code:* 6190*OWC code:* FA77**Nachikufan***Years BP:* 16000 - 2000*Location:* Zambia, Luangwa valley, western Turkana region.*Description:* Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.*OAT code:* 6195*OWC code:* FQ50