

Dynasties, kings and kingdoms

1. Here is a list of the kings in the VI dynasty but they are in the wrong order. Arrange them in the correct order starting with the one that ruled the longest time ago.

Nitocris 2152–2150 BC

Teti 2323–2291 BC

Pepi II 2246–2152 BC

Merenre 2255–2246 BC

Pepi I 2289–2255 BC

2. Here is a short list of rulers from Egyptian times. The date shows the time when their rule began. Arrange the rulers in order starting with the ruler from the longest time ago.




Ptolemy I 305 BC

Cleopatra VII 51 BC

Mentuhotep II 2040 BC

Alexander the Great 332 BC

Ramesses II 1279 BC

3. Write the names of the rulers on the timeline at the dates when their rules began.
4. Look at the timeline on pages 10 and 11 of the student book and mark on your timeline the beginning and end of:
- (a) the Old Kingdom (b) the Middle Kingdom (c) the New Kingdom
5. Mark on the timeline the beginning of the Ptolemaic Dynasty 350 BC and the end in 31 BC.
6. In which kingdom was Ramesses II a ruler? 
7. In which dynasty were Alexander the Great and Cleopatra rulers?
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8. How many years were there between the beginning of Alexander's reign and Cleopatra's reign? 

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Age range

- Years 3/4 (SP4/5).
- Years 5/6 (SP6/7).

Resources

Copies of the worksheet. The timeline from activity **2B**.

Using the worksheet

This activity can be used to reinforce the understanding of how dates were arranged BC, to look more closely at the concept of a dynasty and a kingdom and to add information to the timeline which was set up in activity **2B**. Note that Nitocris was a queen but she ruled as a king. The Ptolemaic dynasty is considered here to show the end of the timeline and to introduce two famous people from history – Alexander the Great and Cleopatra. There is more about them on the web site.

Answers

1. Teti 2323–2291 BC, Pepi I 2289–2255, Merenre 2255–2246 BC, Pepi II 2246–2152 BC, Nitocris 2152–2150 BC,
2. Mentuhotep II 2040 BC, Ramesses II 1279 BC, Alexander the Great 332 BC, Ptolemy I 305 BC, Cleopatra VII 51 BC.
6. The New Kingdom.
7. The Ptolemaic Dynasty.
8. 281 years.

Younger students

Some students may need help in rearranging the order of the rulers in step 1 and step 2. They may also need help in finding the dates on the timeline and writing in the information.

Outcomes

The students can:

- Arrange dates in the Egyptian timeline in the correct order.
- Add information to a timeline correctly.
- Make a calculation on dates in the Egyptian timeline.

Older students

The students can work singly or in groups.

Outcomes

The students can:

- Arrange dates in the Egyptian timeline in the correct order.
- Add information to a timeline correctly.
- Make a calculation on dates in the Egyptian timeline.