

A.P. Art History Simplified Timeline through 1900

Note: These are approximate dates. Remember periods and styles overlap.

Prehistory

Paleolithic: up to about 10,000 BCE

Mesopotamia/Near East (ignore time lapses)

Sumerian: ~3500 - 2300 BCE

Akkadian: ~2300 - 2200 BCE

Neo Sumerian: ~2200 - 2000 BCE

Babylonian: ~1900 - 1600 BCE

Assyrian: ~900 - 600 BCE

Egypt

Predynastic: 3500 - 3000 BCE

Old Kingdom: ~3000 - 2200 BCE

Middle Kingdom: ~2100 - 1600 BCE

New Kingdom: ~1500 - 40 BCE

Aegean & Greece

Minoan: ~2000 - 1500 BCE

Mycenean: ~1500 - 1100 BCE

Geometric: ~1100 - 700 BCE

Archaic: ~700 - 480 BCE

Classical: 480 - 323 BCE

- Severe Style: 480 - 450 BCE
- High Classical: 450 - ~370 BCE
- Late Classical: ~370 - 323 BCE

Hellenistic: 323 - 30 BCE

Romans

Etruscan: 800 - 500 BCE

Roman Republic: ~500 - 40 BCE

Imperial Rome: ~40 BCE - 476 CE

Early Christian: ~100 - 500 CE

Byzantine: ~500 - 1300 CE

Medieval

Early Medieval/Barbarian: ~500 - 880 CE

Carolingian: ~750 - 900

Ottonian: ~900 - 1000 (1050?)

Romanesque: ~1050 - 1150

Gothic: ~1150 - 1300

Late Gothic/Proto-Renaissance: ~1300 - 1400

Early Ren, Northern Ren: ~1400 - 1500

High Ren: 1500 - 1520

Mannerism: 1520 - 1600

Venetian Style: 1500 - 1600

Baroque: 1600 - 1700

Rococo: 1700 - 1750

Neo Classical: ~1750 - ~1820

Romantic: ~1790 - 1850

Realism: ~1830 - 1860

Impressionism: 1870 - 1890

Post-Impressionism: 1880 - 1900

Symbolism: 1890 - 1900