**Using the timeline template, plot the following periods in Ancient Egyptian History**

1. **Predynastic Period (c. 5500 BCE - 3100 BCE)**:
   * Emergence of early settlements along the Nile.
   * Development of hieroglyphic writing and pottery.
2. **Early Dynastic Period (c. 3100 BCE - 2686 BCE)**:
   * Unification of Upper and Lower Egypt under Pharaoh Narmer (Menes).
   * Construction of the first pyramids at Saqqara.
3. **Old Kingdom (c. 2686 BCE - 2181 BCE)**:
   * Pharaohs ruled from Memphis.
   * Construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza.
   * Hierarchical society with powerful priests and nobles.
   * Notable dynasties: 3rd to 6th Dynasties.
4. **First Intermediate Period (c. 2181 BCE - 2055 BCE)**:
   * Political fragmentation and decline of central authority.
   * Famine and social unrest.
5. **Middle Kingdom (c. 2055 BCE - 1650 BCE)**:
   * Reunification under Pharaoh Mentuhotep II.
   * Expansion of trade and cultural achievements.
   * Literature, art, and architecture flourish.
   * Notable dynasties: 11th and 12th Dynasties.
6. **Second Intermediate Period (c. 1650 BCE - 1550 BCE)**:
   * Hyksos invasion and foreign rule.
   * Hyksos kings in the Nile Delta.
7. **New Kingdom (c. 1550 BCE - 1070 BCE)**:
   * Rise of powerful pharaohs (Thutmose III, Hatshepsut, Ramses II).
   * Military conquests, including the Battle of Kadesh.
   * Amarna Period: Akhenaten’s religious reforms.
   * Notable dynasties: 18th to 20th Dynasties.
8. **Third Intermediate Period (c. 1070 BCE - 664 BCE)**:
   * Decline of central authority.
   * Smaller regional rulers (Libyan and Nubian dynasties).
9. **Late Period (c. 664 BCE - 332 BCE)**:
   * Persian and Greek influence.
   * Alexander the Great’s conquest of Egypt.
   * Notable dynasties: 26th to 31st Dynasties.
10. **Ptolemaic Period (c. 332 BCE - 30 BCE)**:
    * Greek Ptolemaic dynasty (Cleopatra VII).
    * Alexandria as a center of learning and culture.
11. **Roman Period (30 BCE - 395 CE)**:
    * Egypt becomes a Roman province.
    * Cleopatra’s death marks the end of ancient Egyptian rule