Early Stone Age
- 3 MYA (3 million years ago)
- First stone tools; Oldowan industry
- Bipedalism, 5MYA?
- Cereal agriculture in W. Africa

Middle Stone Age
- 2MYA (2 million years ago)
- 100KYA (100,000 years ago)
- H. Sapiens Sapiens; Radiation of modern humans out of Africa
- Ironworking in Southern Africa; Bantu movements
- <Kush, 750-650> <Aksum, 1st millennium>
- <Meroe, 270 BCE-350 ACE>
- <Ghana> <Mali, 1250-1600> <Songai, 1375-1600>
- Matola, Lydenberg & Gokomere Traditions
- 2,000 1,000 1 ACE 250 500 750

Late Stone Age
- 10KYA (10,000 years ago)
- Unification of Egypt
- Domestication of cattle; cereal agriculture in Egypt
- Islam spreads to East & West Africa
- Swahili trading cities in East Africa
- Portugese hegemony in the Indian Ocean
- Kutama & Moloko Traditions
- 1000 1250 1500 1750

Early Iron Age, ca. 200
Late Iron Age, ca. 900
- Khami 1450-1800
- Songai, 1275-1600
- Great Zimbabwe 1290-1400

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MYA = million years ago
KYA = thousand years ago