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Kingdoms of Egypt

Official periods, with Room 4 and the school timeline kept apart.

Room 4	School timeline, where it differs
First Intermediate Period about 2181–2025 BC	About 2181–2055 BC
Middle Kingdom about 2025–1795 BC	About 2055–1795 BC
Ramesses II "reigned through most of the 13th century BC"	School timeline: rules for 66 years, about 1279–1213 BC. Teacher pack: ruled for 67 years from 1279 BC.

Hatshepsut rules about 1473–1458 BC, initially because her stepson Thutmose III is too young. Her most famous monument is a funerary temple opposite Thebes (present-day Luxor). Tutankhamun becomes king at nine, about 1336–1327 BC. In 1922 Howard Carter discovers his nearly intact tomb.

Cleopatra VII, 51–30 BC, is the last independent ruler of Egypt and speaks Greek and Egyptian. After defeat by Octavian (later Augustus), Egypt becomes part of the Roman Empire.

Three questions

1. Give one official end-date for the First Intermediate Period, and name the page it comes from.
2. At what age, on the school timeline, did Tutankhamun become king?
3. What two official figures are given for how long Ramses II ruled?

Answers: 2025 BC (Room 4) or 2055 BC (school timeline). Nine. 66 years, and 67 years.

Sources: British Museum, Egyptian sculpture gallery (Room 4); Timeline of ancient Egypt (schools); Ancient Egypt: Symbols of the pharaoh (teacher pack). Checked 17 November 2026. egypt.ages.im is independent of the British Museum. No photographs are included on this sheet.

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