

# Aegean chronology: 1. the relative chronology

The system had been invented by Sir Arthur Evans. It was based on observations on the Minoan pottery changes (esp. the Cnossian), thus the criterion of chronological divides is stylistic.

The Aegean relative chronology divides the Bronze Age into three periods:

Period	Phase	
Early	I	A, B
	II	A, B
	III	
Middle	I	A, B
	II	
	III	A, B
Late	I	A, B
	II	A, B
	III	A, B, C    A1, A2 <sub>e</sub> , A2I, B1, B2, C1, C2

