

Period Table

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The prevailing fashion in design of any period, time or area that reflects current taste, is called the style. Period refers to that portion of time determined by some happening, act, cycle or series of events. The time a ruler occupies the throne is known as period of rule.

The compiler or creator of new furniture ideas frequently lent his name to the new styles introduced. This illustrated in the creations of Chippendale, Sheraton, Adams Brothers, Hepplewhite, Shearer, Manwaring and others. These styles were the prevailing fashion during the reign of two of the House of Brunswick kings, King George II, and King George III, or the period 1727-1820. This period is sometimes called the Georgian Period, a loose characterization of the moving spirit in styles throughout this time. The rule of King George I is marked as a time of transition in styles. Gradual change from the Queen Anne Period occurred during this time from 1714 to 1727. The King George I Period is sometimes included in the Georgian Period classification. It marks the changing of styles prior to the ascendancy of Chippendale.

The period of King George IV (1820-1830) is rightfully excluded. It represents an era when most furniture styles were heavy in design and shows clearly the influence of the overpowering "Empire Period." It carried little of the refinements of

the above mentioned earlier makers. This shows the relation of style and period.

The following chronological table of French and British rulers will be of assistance in correlating periods in their relation to furniture styles.

Chronological Table of Rulers

England	
House of Tudor	
Henry 7	1485-1509
Henry 8	1509-1547
Edward 6	1547-1553
Mary	1553-1558
Elizabeth	1558-1603
House of Stuart	
James I	1603-1625
Charles I	1625-1649
Protectorate of Cromwell	1649-1660
House of Orange	
William III and Mary	1689-1703
Queen Anne (of Denmark)	1703-1714
House of Brunswick	
George I	1714-1727
George II	1727-1760
George III	1760-1820
George IV	1820-1830
France	
Louis XII	1498-1515
Francis I	1515-1547
Henry II	1547-1559
Francis II (The Imbecile)	1559-1560
Charles IX	1560-1574
Henry III	1574-1589
Henry IV	1589-1610
Louis XIII	1610-1643
Louis XIV	1643-1715
The Regency	1715-1723
Louis XV	1715-1774
Louis XVI	1774-1793
Revolution	1793-1795
Directory	1795-1799
Emperor—Napoleon	1799-1815