

A Generalized Prehistoric Sequence for South Carolina

Historic

1670- Present

*Burnished, Painted, and Complicated Stamped Pottery
Glass beads and English trade items, firearms*

Exploratory Period/ Post-Missippian

1520-1670

1450-1520

*Complicated Stamped, Incised and Burnished Pottery
Spanish Trade Goods*

Mississippian Period

1100-1450

*Complicated Stamped, Incised and Burnished Pottery
Temple Mounds, Maize Agriculture*

Woodland Period

3000BC-1700AD

Proto-Mississippian

900-1670

*Groups living amongst Mississippian neighbors,
but not practicing Mississippian lifeways. Diagnostics
may include fabric impressed, shell and sand tempered pottery*

Late Woodland

500AD-1150

*Maize agriculture, village life
Textile marked, check and complicated stamped pottery*

Middle Woodland

500BC-500AD

*Check Stamped, and Textile marked pottery
Triangular points, shell middens on the coast*

Early Woodland

3000-500BC

*Fiber tempered pottery, changing to sand tempered
punctated and plain pottery, square stemmed points
give way to triangular forms. First coastal shell middens and rings*

Archaic Period

8000-3000BC

Late Archaic

4000-3000BC

*Square stemmed Savannah River points, steatite pots
and objects, inland shell middens*

Middle Archaic

6000-4000BC

*Morrow Mountain, Guilford, and square stemmed points,
atl-atl weights, increased plant use*

Early Archaic

8000-6000BC

*Well made side and corner notched points, giving way
to square stemmed forms. Formal scrapers and unifacial tools.
Hardaway, Palmer, Kirk, LeCroy, Stanley points*

Paleoindian Period

12,000-8,000BC

Fluted Clovis, Simpson, Suwannee and Dalton points.

Pre-Paleoindian

17,000-12,000BC?

No clear diagnostics. Simple bifaces have been found



Small
Triangular



Stemmed
Woodland
Pointe



Yadkin/ Larger
Triangular



Savannah
River



Guilford



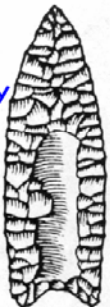
Morrow
Mountain



Palmer



Hardaway



Clovis



Burnished/
Applique



Complicated
Stamped



Cord Marked



Fabric
Impressed



Check Stamped



Punctate



Plain

Date ranges used in this chart are approximate