

Timeline Practice Page

Doing Timeline Math

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Quiz Yourself (answers are below). How many years are between the following sets of dates?

- 1) 2001 CE & 1562 CE
- 2) 11997 BCE & 1414 BCE
- 3) 150 BCE & 50 CE
- 4) 1972 CE & 1100 CE
- 5) 445 BCE & 945 BCE
- 6) 700 BCE & 1200 CE

Quiz Yourself (answer is below). Place each of these dates accurately on the timeline, keeping in mind that the “Common Era” side (the right side) runs from left to right, but the “Before Common Era” side (the left side) runs from right to left, just like a number line in math class with positive numbers and negative numbers.

1000 BCE
1000 CE
500 CE
500 BCE

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Quiz Yourself (answer is below). Some people refer to the left side of the timeline as “BC,” and the right side as “AD.” But today modern scholars refer to the left side as these initials:

_____, which stand for the words _____.

And they refer to the right side as these initials: _____, which stand for the words _____.

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Quiz Yourself. How many years are between the following sets of dates?

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| 7) 2001 CE & 1562 CE | 439 years |
| 8) 11997 BCE & 1414 BCE | 10,583 years |
| 9) 150 BCE & 50 CE | 200 years |
| 10) 1972 CE & 1100 CE | 872 years |
| 11) 445 BCE & 945 BCE | 500 years |
| 12) 700 BCE & 1200 CE | 1900 years |

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1000 BCE
1000 CE
500 CE
500 BCE

1000 _____ 500 _____ 0 _____ 500 _____ 1000

Quiz Yourself. Some people refer to the left side of the timeline as “BC,” and the right side as “AD.” But today modern scholars refer to the left side as these initials: **BCE**, which stand for the words **BEFORE COMMON (OR CURRENT) ERA**. And they refer to the right side as these initials: **CE**, which stand for the words **COMMON (OR CURRENT) ERA**. The reason for the change is: **BECAUSE THE TIMELINE IS BUILT AROUND THE LIFE OF JESUS, WHO IS THE SIGNIFICANT FIGURE IN CHRISTIANITY. BECAUSE NOT EVERYONE IS CHRISTIAN, ONE MIGHT ASK WHY WE SHOULD ALL BE MEASURING TIME BASED ON THE LIFE OF JESUS. SO SCHOLARS HAVE CHANGED IT SO THE REFERENCE IS NOT TO JESUS, EVEN THOUGH IN REALITY WE ARE STILL MARKING TIME BASED ON JESUS’ LIFE.**