

- **BC** stands for Before Christ. Years count **down** toward zero (e.g., 200 BC happened before 100 BC).
- **AD** stands for Anno Domini ("in the year of our Lord"). Years count **up** away from zero (e.g., 100 AD happened before 200 AD).
- **To find the time between a BC year and an AD year:** Add the two numbers together (because time has to cross over the 0 mark!).

Part 1: Which Came First?

Select the event that happened **earlier** in history.

1. A) 350 BC or B) 120 BC
2. A) 45 AD or B) 45 BC
3. A) 1000 AD or B) 500 AD
4. A) 2000 BC or B) 1500 AD

Part 2: Chronological Order

Put the following years in order from the **oldest (furthest in the past)** to the **most recent**.

Years to order: 50 AD, 300 BC, 1200 AD, 500 BC, 10 BC

1. _____ (Oldest)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____ (Most Recent)

Part 3: Timeline Word Problems

Read carefully and solve.

1. An ancient coin was minted in 150 BC and was found by archaeologists in 50 AD. How many years passed between when the coin was minted and when it was found?

Answer: _____

2. A historic temple was built in 300 BC and stood for 450 years before it was destroyed. In what year (AD or BC) was it destroyed?

Answer: _____

3. A famous scroll was written in 120 BC and preserved until 80 AD. For how many total years did the scroll survive from creation to preservation?

Answer: _____