Time
Talk
Understanding the Language of History
Notes

1. A chronology is a list of events in the order that they happened.
2. A millennium is a period of 1,000 years. Its plural is millennia.
3. A century is a period of 100 years.
4. A decade is a period of 10 years.
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5. AD stands for “Anno Domini.”
   A. Latin phrase which means “In the Year of Our Lord.”
   B. Refers to the time after Christ’s birth.

6. BC stands for “Before Christ.”
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7. CE stands for “the Common Era” or “the Christian Era.”
   A. CE is the same time as AD.
   B. BCE is the same time as BC.
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8. BP stands for “Before the Present.”

9. Circa is Latin for “around.”
   A. Used when dates aren’t exact.
   B. Abbreviated c. or ca.
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10. When you see a date like 18th century, subtract one. It will tell you the years the century lies in.

A. 21st century = 2000s
B. 20th century = 1900s
C. 19th century = 1800s
D. 18th century = 1700s