Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_



**Time and Space: Understanding “BCE,” “CE,” “BC” and “AD”**

Hint: BCE (Before the Common Era) = BC (Before Christ)

CE (Common Era) = AD (Anno Domini)

Map out the various civilizations on the timeline below by shading in one row for

each civilization. Be careful- the civilizations below are not in chronological order.

Mesopotamia- 3000 BCE to 439 BCE

Age of Exploration- 1400 CE to 1800 CE

Greece- 2600 BCE to 300 BCE

Egypt- 2500 BCE to 1200 BCE

Renaissance- 1500 CE to 1600 CE

Rome- 625 BCE to 475 CE

Middle Ages- 500 CE to 1500 CE

China- 2200 BCE to 1279 CE

5000 BCE 4000BCE 3000 BCE 2000 BCE 1000 BCE 0 1000 CE

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| Mesopotamia |
| Age of Exploration |
| Gree Greece |
| Egypt |
| Renaissance |
| Rome |
| Middle Ages |
| China |

Now you’ve got to do the math. Write how many years are between the following events:

1. The rise of Mesopotamia (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to the fall of Rome (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. The beginning of the Renaissance (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to the end of the Age of Exploration (\_\_\_\_\_\_)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. The rise of Chinese civilization (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to its collapse (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. The rise of Greece (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to the fall of Rome (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. The rise of Rome (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to the end of the Middle Ages (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. The rise of Mesopotamia (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to the end of the Age of Exploration (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7.The fall of Rome (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to today. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Timelines Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Per:\_\_\_\_\_\_

1 CE

100 CE

100 BCE

300 BCE

500 BCE

700 BCE

\_\_\_\_BCE

300

500

700

900

1100

How is a timeline like a number line?

Which group of people do you think started using abbreviations like BC and AD? Why do you think this?

What would happen if the United States decided to start counting years from our declaration of independence (1776)? What year would it be now?

Look at the timeline above and complete the following math problems:

1. How many years are between 100 CE and 300 CE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many years between 300 BCE and 300 CE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many years between 100 BCE and 100 CE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What year should be in the top left box? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If a date does not have an abbreviation after it, when do we assume this date occurred?