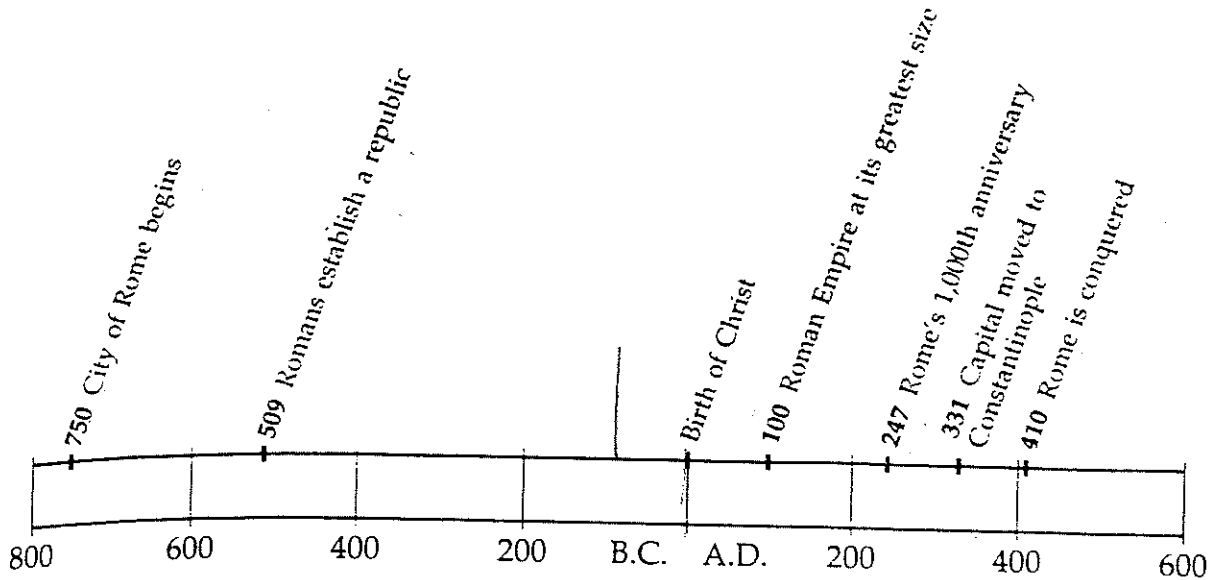


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Learning To Calculate Time in B.C. and A.D.

Roman History



Rome was conquered in A.D. 410. How long ago was that? The answer is easy to find. Subtract the year 410 from this year to find out how long ago it happened.

It is a little more difficult to figure out how long ago something happened if it took place before the birth of Christ. By using a time line you can find out how long ago something happened. You can also figure out how much time has passed between two events.

1. To find out how long ago an event happened with an A.D. date, you simply subtract. How long ago did Rome celebrate its 1,000-year anniversary?

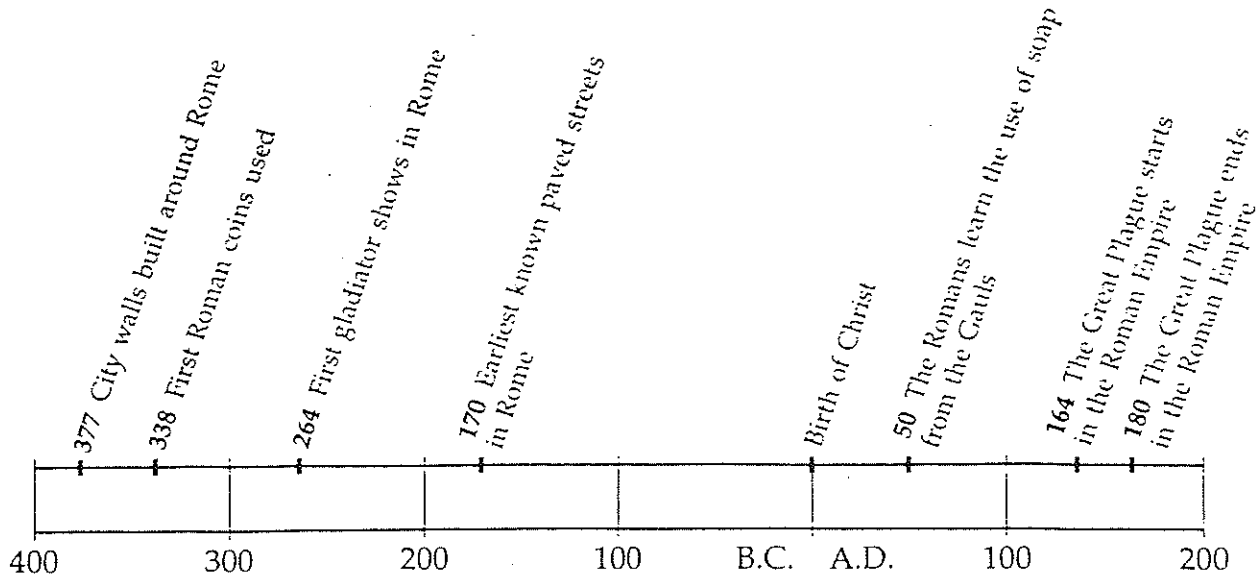
2. How long ago did the Romans establish a republic? _____

3. Suppose you want to find out how much time passed between two events. If both events happened before or after the birth of Christ, you just subtract. How many years passed from the time the Roman Empire was at its greatest size to the time Rome was conquered? _____
4. Which event happened first, the Romans established a republic or the capital was moved to Constantinople?

5. Which event happened later, the birth of Christ or Rome's 1,000-year anniversary?

Understanding B.C. and A.D. on Time Lines

DAILY LIFE IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE



A time line is a diagram that shows a period of time. Events are marked on the time line to show when they happened. Time lines show the order of events and how many years have passed between events.

We number years from the time Jesus Christ was born. The years before he was born are labeled "B.C." for "before Christ." The years after his birth are labeled "A.D." The label "A.D." is not always used. For example, when you write the year you were born, you don't write A.D. before the year. But we do use A.D. and B.C. for events that happened a long time ago.

The larger the year B.C., the earlier the time in history. For example, the date city walls were built around Rome, 377 B.C., is larger than the date Roman coins were first used. So the city walls were built before coins were used.

1. Read the title. This time line is about _____.
2. Find the part of the time line that shows the years before the birth of Christ. Shade that part of the time line red.
3. Find the part of the time line that shows the years after the birth of Christ. Shade that part of the time line green.
4. What is the earliest event on the time line and when did it happen? _____
5. Did the Romans learn the use of soap before or after the birth of Christ? _____

Did the Romans begin to pave their streets in A.D. 170 or 170 B.C. _____