

HISTORY SKILLS: DATES



Learning Objectives

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TASK - Put the
following words into
order – shortest to
longest



century

hour

second

decade

year

week

month

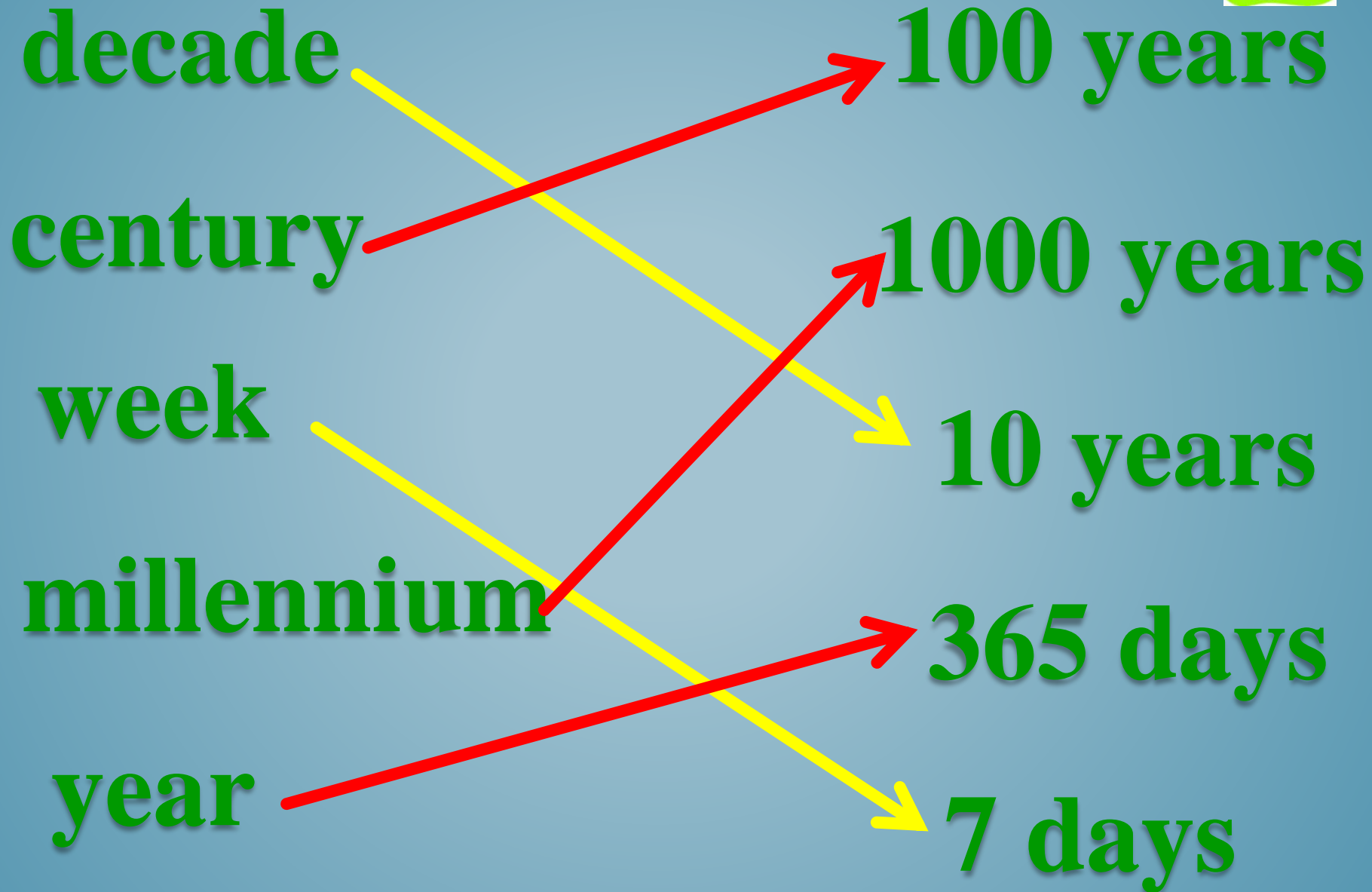
millennium

day

minute

How is time divided up?





Historians often talk about years as being BC or AD. This is another way of dividing time.



This is a way of making large amounts of time easier to think about when learning History.

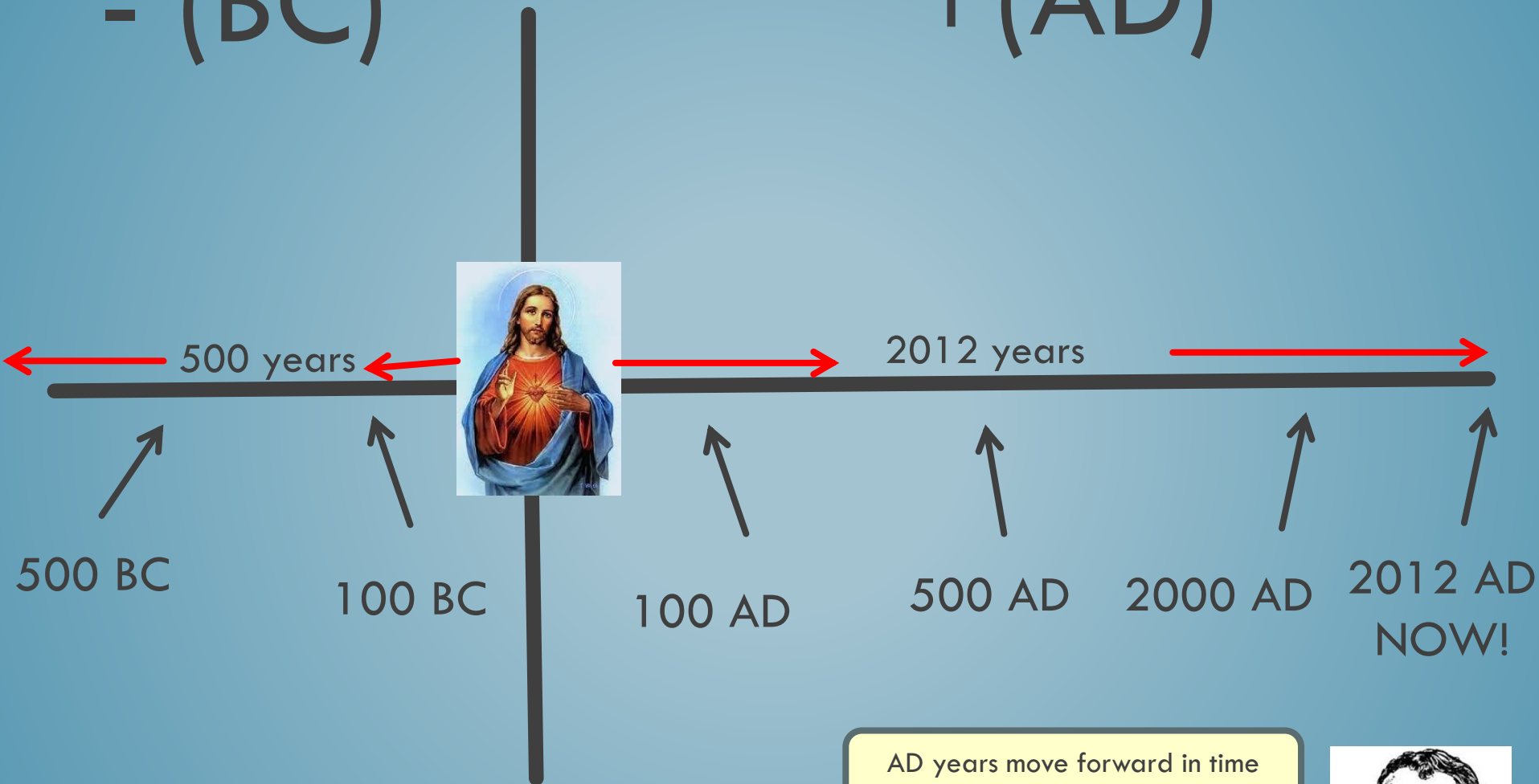


Year 0

when Jesus was
born

- (BC)

+(AD)



Year 0

when Jesus was
born

TTYP

AD years move forward in time
from 0 until you reach today.

BC years move backwards in time
starting from 0.



Dividing up Time - Before or After

The year Jesus is born is called 0.

AD means Anno Domini (Latin and means - the year of our Lord)

The years go _ _ since Jesus was born meaning the year now is _ _ _ _ _.

BC means B _ _ _ _ _ Christ, and it refers to any year _ _ _ _ _ the birth of Jesus. For example 67BC

Activity 1 – Complete your timeline with the following dates.

- (BC)

+(AD)

54BC

200AD

140BC

1650AD

1880AD

390BC

1988AD



500BC

2012 AD
NOW!

Year 0

when Jesus was
born

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Activity 2 – put this list of years in order starting with the most recent date first.

Activity 3 – put this list of years in order starting with the oldest date first.

2008AD

54BC

33AD

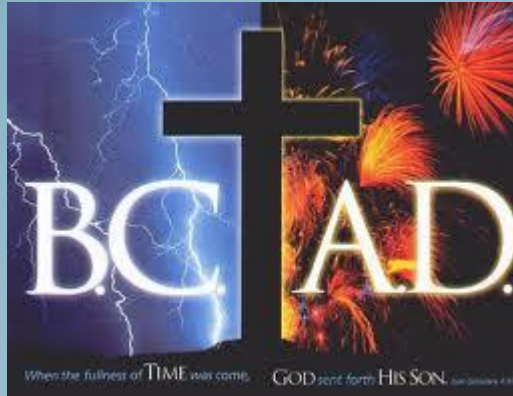
2008BC

1008AD

10,000BC

0

410BC



2008AD

0

123BC

2010BC

2001AD

22BC

72AD

1599AD

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How are centuries named?



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We are living in the 21st century. This is because it is the 21st century after Jesus was born in year 0.



This is because . . .

- The year 0 to 99AD were the First Century.
- The years 100AD to 199AD were the Second Century.

This means that . . .

- The year 175AD is in the _____ Century
- The year 369AD is in the _____ Century

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Activity 4 – put this list of years into the correct century.

2008AD

950AD

33AD

1968AD

1789AD

1066AD

1848AD

54BC

410AD

1472AD

21st Century

10th Century

1st Century

20th Century

18th Century

11th Century

19th Century

1st Century BC

5th Century

15th Century