

History knowledge organiser: How do we learn about History?



Mary Beard



David Olusoga



Cat Jarman



Max Adams



Marc Morris

Olusoga, Beard and Jarman all used skeletons to help them discover the past. As Archaeologists they can analyse the Carbon Isotopes in bones to determine the place of death, the person's diet and even the geography of their upbringing..

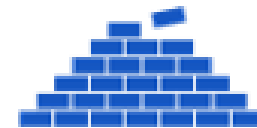
Archaeology: The study of human history through the excavation of sites and study of physical remains

Excavation: digging on a historic site to uncover information about the past

Adams used textiles to uncover stories of women in the Dark Ages. The Dark Ages are challenging to research due to the lack of source material that survives. For example, textiles easily decay.

Morris uses written materials such as the **Anglo-Saxon Chronicle** to document life for the Anglo-Saxons

When we study historians, we are looking at **their interpretation** of an event. An interpretation is a **point of view** or **opinion** about something. It should be **based on evidence**.



Chronology Rules

Chronology: putting events in order of time from earliest to latest

BC: Before Christ
AD: Anno Domini

Historians also use **BCE** (Before Common Era) and **CE** (Common Era)

Decade: 10 years
Century: 100 years
Millenium: 1000 years

BC always comes before **AD**
In BC, bigger numbers happened earlier.
In AD, smaller numbers happened earlier.

Think
like a Historian



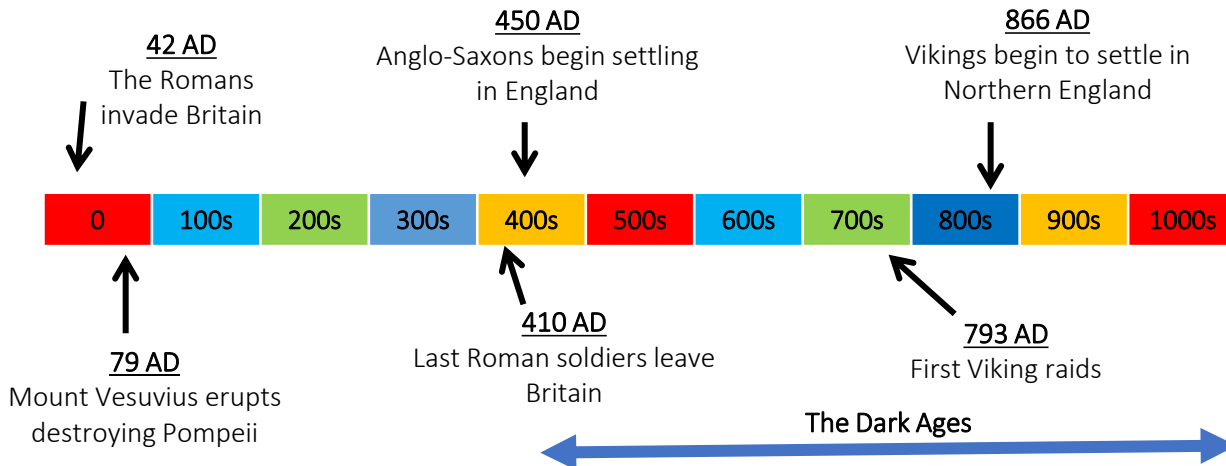
Talk
like a Historian



Research
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Write
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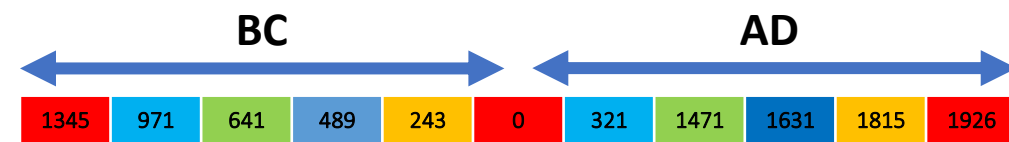


a. Quiz Questions:

1. Why are the Dark Ages challenging to research?
2. What can bones teach us?
3. What does archaeology mean?
4. What does excavation mean?
5. What is an interpretation?
6. BC =
7. AD=
8. BCE =
9. CE =
10. Decade =
11. Millenium =
12. Century =

b. Topic Focus Timelines:

Write down the century of each date either side of 0 on the timeline



c. Chronology practice:

Put the following events in the correct order, earliest first.

- Romans arrived in Britain
- First Viking Raids
- Anglo-Saxons begin to settle in Britain
- Vikings begin to settle in Northern England
- Last Roman soldiers leave Britain
- Mount Vesuvius erupts destroying Pompeii

d. Individual practice:

What do the following historians study?

1. Mary Beard
2. David Olusoga
3. Cat Jarman
4. Max Adams
5. Marc Morris