

# What is World History?



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Welcome to a whole new world of fun and excitement!! I'm being serious here!

When does world history begin?

- At the beginnings of the universe?
- Or when humans arrive on the scene?

A little on the use of "dating", also called "periodization":

- Why are we living in the year 2009? Who says so? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does everyone say we live in 2009? \_\_\_\_\_ -

What is the difference between 2009 AD and 2009 CE?

- Nothing, really, just a difference in terminology!
- BCE=\_\_\_\_\_
- BC=Before Christ
- CE=\_\_\_\_\_
- AD=anno Domini (year of our lord)
- Who might care how we classify time? Does it matter?

A little comparison...

- Which seems the most illogical? (no sense at all) Why?
  
- Which seems to make the most sense? Why?
  
- Do you think the world will ever live by one system? Why/why not?

Where does it take place?

- When we think about world history, where does most of the action take place?
  
- Why is this?

How are we going to study World History?

- Why do we take tests when we do?
- How are textbooks broken up?
- Why do we separate it like this?

It's all about TURNING POINTS!

- What is a turning point?

- Think of 3 turning points in your own life:

- 1.

- 2.

- 3.

What made them turning points?