

Native American Heritage: Moundbuilders 2.0

Activity: BCE/CE and BC/AD

Suggested Grades

6-12

Overview

Dates in the past are referred to in several different ways. This activity explores what those dates mean and how they relate to how we use dates today.

Objectives

Teach the differences in CE, BC, AD, and BCE.

Time Needed

One fifty-minute class period

Materials Needed

Handouts for all students
Internet

Instructions

- Explain what these abbreviations mean:
 - B.C. _____
 - A.D. _____
 - B.C.E. _____
 - C.E. _____
- Students should place the following dates into the timeline below using the associated letter next to them.
 - 2000 B.C.E – Moundbuilders were creating cities
 - AD 1450 -Spiro Mounds had been created
 - 1938 CE - American Indians were moved to now Oklahoma
 - 1907 BC - Oklahoma becomes a state
 - 1912 BCE- Jim Thorpe wins an Olympic medal
 - 2010 BC - Wilma Mankiller, First Women Principal Chief of the Cherokees, died

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Follow up activity: Research several dates in Oklahoma History. Create your own timeline. OR What is your birthday in BCE? Can you put everyone in your class's birthday in a timeline?