

B.C. & A.D.

BC – stands for “Before Christ”

- dates **before** Jesus’ birth are marked BC and are counted **backward**.

- This means that the year 1,000 BC comes before the year 800 BC. (1,000 years before Jesus’ birth happened before 800 years before his birth.)*

AD – stands for “Anno Domini”, which is Latin for “in the year of your Lord”

- dates **after** Jesus’ birth are marked AD and are counted **forward** (the way we are used to).

- This means that the year 1542 comes before the year 1828.*

