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Did You Know?

In modern historical and academic writing, many historians prefer using BCE (Before the Common Era) and CE (Common Era) instead of BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) because they are considered more culturally and religiously neutral.

However, both dating systems are widely accepted and commonly used in books, academic articles, museums, and historical documents. As a History student, it is important to recognise and understand both.

Match each historical abbreviation with its correct meaning.

Abbreviation Meaning

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| 1. BC | A. Common Era |
| 2. AD | B. circa (approximately) |
| 3. BCE | C. Before Present (used mainly in archaeology and geology) |
| 4. CE | D. reigned (period of a monarch's reign) |
| 5. c. | E. Anno Domini ("In the Year of Our Lord") |
| 6. fl. | F. Before the Common Era |
| 7. r. | G. flourished (period during which a person was active) |
| 8. AH | H. Before Christ |
| 9. BP | I. Anno Hegirae (Islamic calendar) |

Answers

1. **$BC \rightarrow H$**
2. **$AD \rightarrow E$**
3. **$BCE \rightarrow F$**
4. **$CE \rightarrow A$**
5. **$c. \rightarrow B$**
6. **$fl. \rightarrow G$**
7. **$r. \rightarrow D$**
8. **$AH \rightarrow I$**
9. **$BP \rightarrow C$**