



# Year 4

# History

# Academic Dictionary



## AD

Stands for Anno Domini, which is Latin for "year of our Lord," and it means the number of years since the birth of Jesus Christ. That was a little more than 2000 years ago, so the date 500 A.D.

## Archaeology

The study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains.

## BC

An abbreviation used with dates of events that took place before the birth of Jesus. b.c. stands for before Christ.

## Cause

A principle, aim, or movement to which one is committed and which one is prepared to defend or advocate.

## Consequence

A result of a particular action or situation, often one that is bad or not convenient

## Colony

A country or area under the full or partial political control of another country and occupied by settlers from that country.

## Conquest

The invasion and assumption of control of a place or people by military force.

## Crusades

Lead or take part in a vigorous campaign for social, political, or religious change.

## Democracy

Control of an organization or group by the majority of its members.

## Empire

An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign state. E.g. "the Roman Empire"

## Execution

The carrying out of a plan, order, or course of action.

## Invasion

An unwelcome intrusion into another's domain.

## Inference

A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning.

## Nation

A large body of people united by common descent, history, culture, or language, inhabiting a particular state or territory.

## Nomad

A member of a people that travels from place to place to find fresh pasture for its animals and has no permanent home.

## Primary evidence

Evidence, such as the original of a document, that by its nature does not suggest that better evidence is available.

## Rebellion

An act of armed resistance to an established government or leader.

## Republic

A state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch.

## Revolt

Take violent action against an established government or ruler; rebel.

## Secondary evidence

*Secondary evidence* is evidence that has been reproduced from an original document or substituted for an original item.

## Settler

A person who settles in an area, typically one with no or few previous inhabitants

## Significance

The quality of being worthy of attention; importance.