

Before Common Era *(be-fore-com-mon-e-ra)*

Definition

In ref. A non-religious term used to denote years before the start of the Gregorian calendar's year 1, equivalent to BC (Before Christ).

Example Sentence

Historians often refer to events in ancient history as occurring in the **Before Common Era**.

More Example Sentences

The artifacts were dated to the third millennium **Before Common Era**.

Synonyms

BCE; before Christ; pre-AD

Antonyms

Common Era; CE; Anno Domini

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