

# Y7: What is history? Case Study: The Titanic

You need to know about **chronology**. This means in time order. So...if you are asked to put something in **chronological order** you need to put events in **time order**.

Some events happened before Jesus was born and we call this B.C. (Before Christ). This means that they came before the Year 0 for example the Roman period started in 753 B.C. seven hundred and fifty three years **before** Jesus.

## Centuries

Finding out which year is in which century can be tricky business. The easiest way to decide is to cover the last two numbers up and add one. For example; 1459 is in the Fifteenth Century.

## Interpretations

- This is somebody's viewpoint of a person or event.
- BUT this is shaped by the time they are living, when they have produced it, who has produced it and the reason why they have produced it.
- If we can consider all of these reasons then we can decide whether something is useful to us as historians.

## Key words

Chronology	Time order
Decade	10 years
Century	100 years
Millennium	1000 years
AD	After Christ
BC	Before Christ
Interpretation	An opinion of an event or person

We could research the Titanic by looking at sources from the time:

- Diary Entries
- Newspaper Articles
- Photographs
- Witness Statements

Or things produced after the time, such as...

- Films
- Books Documentaries

