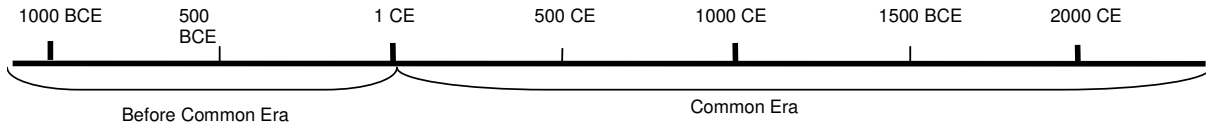


An Ancient Timeline

We now live in what is called the Common Era, or **CE** (this is sometimes called AD).

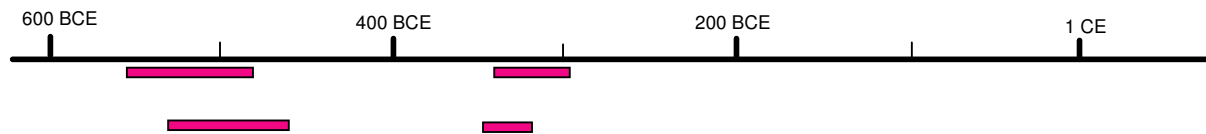
Before the year 1 CE, there was the period called Before Common Era, or **BCE** (sometimes called BC), with the numbers going backwards.



Here is a list of people who lived in the BCE period. Also given is the year each of them died (these years are approximate, since the records are unclear in many cases).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Death</u>
Mahavir Jain	468 BCE
Gautama Buddha	483 BCE
Chandragupta Maurya	297 BCE
Alexander of Macedon	323 BCE

(1) Which bar on the following timeline shows the life of which person? Write the person's name below each bar.



- (2) Alexander was living at the same time as:
- (a) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (b) Mahavir Jain
 - (c) Gautama Buddha
 - (d) None of the above
- (3) Which of these men lived the longest life?
- (a) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (b) Mahavir Jain
 - (c) Gautama Buddha
 - (d) Alexander
- (4) Which of these men lived the shortest life?
- (a) Chandragupta Maurya
 - (b) Mahavir Jain
 - (c) Gautama Buddha
 - (d) Alexander
- (5) Was Chandragupta Maurya born before or after Alexander?
- (6) Was Gautama Buddha born before or after Mahavir Jain?