

# Creating a Timeline of Events

When we read about events in history, dates are often followed by the letters BCE and CE.

**BCE**

stands for  
Before Common Era,  
or Before Current Era.

**CE**

stands for  
Common Era,  
or Current Era.

438 BCE  
or  
430 BCE  
Which is earlier?



- In the common era, earlier dates have numbers that are smaller than more recent dates.
- Before the common era (BCE), earlier dates have larger numbers. (The numbers become smaller as they approach the current era.)



# Creating a Timeline of Events

Make a timeline of the events that are described in Studyladder's whiteboard resource:

*"Phidias the sculptor and the Temple of Zeus"*

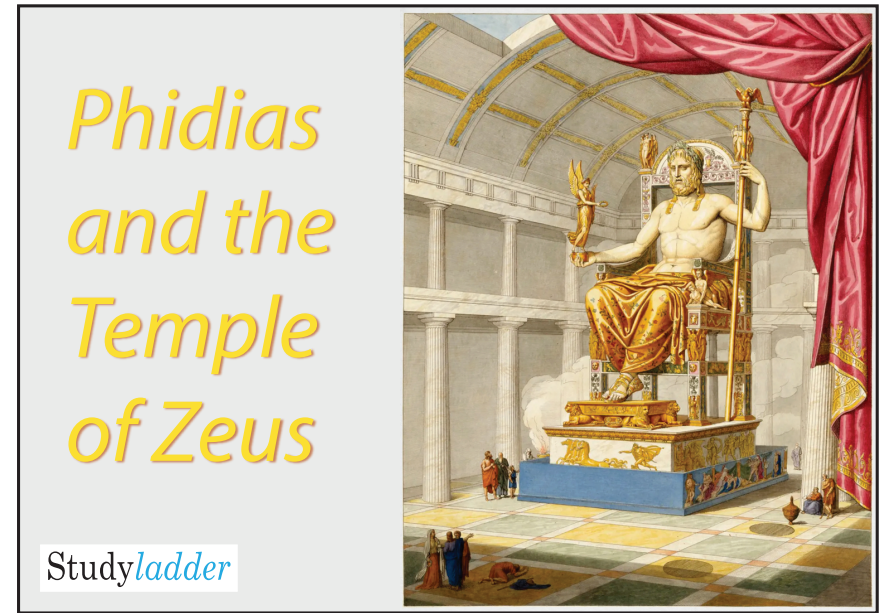
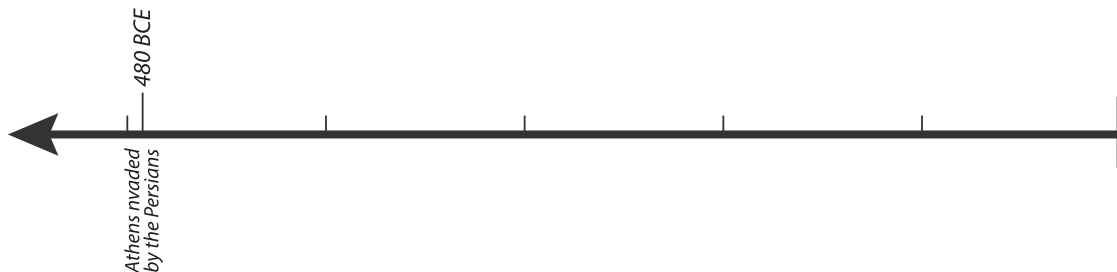
Construct your timeline using the printable resource:

*"Making a Timeline of Events"*

Be sure to place BCE events on the left side of your timeline and place CE events on the right side.

Write the dates above the line and label what happened below the line.

Position your markers to show the passage of time.



**Making a Timeline of Events** Name:

This printable is designed for use with Studyladder's whiteboard resource lesson, "Phidias the Sculptor and the Temple of Zeus".

Section 1

← Before Common Era

Place section 2 here

Section 2

Common Era →

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Cut out section 1 and 2 above, and paste together to form a timeline chart.  
Plot the events described in the Studyladder's whiteboard resource lesson, "Phidias the Sculptor and the Temple of Zeus".  
Mark the dates above the line and write the event below the line. © Studyladder