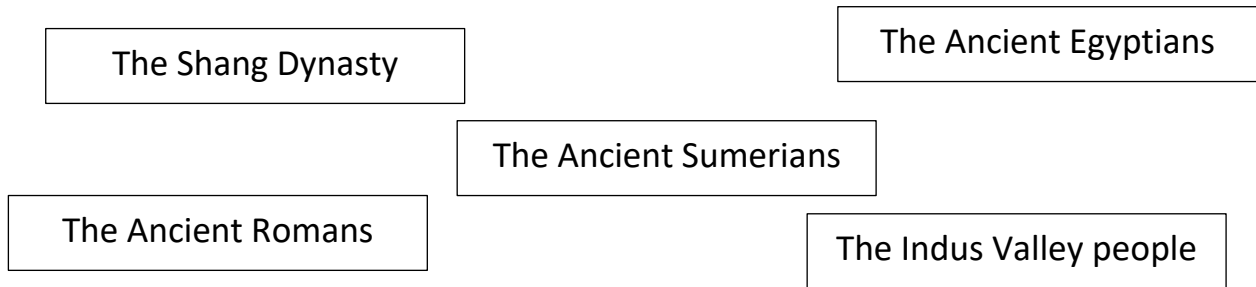




## History: Ancient Civilisations Timeline

For today's history lesson we are going to take a closer look at **when** in history some of the world's ancient civilisations existed. Before we begin, have a go at the warm up activity on the website (if you can).

Five of the earliest civilisations on Earth (in no particular order) were...



You will have heard of some of these, but do you know **WHEN** they were?!

To understand *when* these civilisations were happening in the world, we can use a **Bar Chart**, because a bar chart is a really good way of showing information in a clear way.

So, for this lesson, we want to see if you can read and understand what the bar charts on the **Civilisations Timeline Sheet** shows you about when the 5 civilisations began, ended and how long they lasted.

You will find the **Questions below**. Make sure you read the **Top Tips** carefully before you begin and please don't cheat and read the answers first!!

Please use **capital letters and full stops** correctly in your answers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you get stuck on one of the questions, then leave it and try the next one.

**Check and Mark** your answers when you have finished.

Extra: If you want to, you can have a go at drawing your own bar chart using the data and the **Empty Timeline Sheet** on the website.

Scroll down for the Top Tips and Questions...

### First, read these Top Tips:

- Look at **the Key** first. The colours will tell you which bar matches each of the 5 civilisations.
- Then look at the **number scale** VERY carefully. You will see it counts in jumps of **200 years**.
- If you start from the **year 0** and follow the numbers left, these are all BCE dates (Before our calendar started). They count backwards and go all the way back to the year 5,000 BCE!
- If you start If you start from the **year 0** and follow the numbers right, these are all AD dates (after Jesus was born). They count forwards up to our time now and then beyond, to the year 2200!
- For example... The Shang Dynasty (the brown bar) began in the year 1600 BCE and lasted and ended in 1100 BCE. The brown bar is 2 and a half squares long, which means the Shang Dynasty lasted for 500 years.

1. Which was the earliest of the ancient civilisations? When did it begin?
2. Which of the civilisations lasted for more than 1,000 years?
3. Which civilisation was Jesus born into? How long after his birth did that civilisation continue for?
4. Which ancient civilisation existed for the longest amount of time and how long was it?
5. How much longer was the Ancient Egyptian civilisation than the Ancient Sumerian civilisation?
6. Which civilisation was ancient Britain part of?  
  
(Bonus challenge question: What fraction of the whole civilisation was this?)
7. Which was the most recent civilisation and what year did it end?