

NCERT QUESTIONS WITH SOLUTIONS

1. Can we compare historians to detectives?
Give reasons for your answers.

Ans. Yes, historians can be compared to detectives for several reasons including their Investigative approach, their way of analysing evidence, the way they construct narratives, the manner they give attention to detail and also for their problem-solving skills. We can further detail this as

Historians	Detectives
Historians examine primary and secondary sources, such as letters, diaries, official records, artifacts, and other documents, to piece together an accurate picture of past events.	Detectives gather evidence, interview witnesses, and analyse crime scenes to solve a case and understand what happened.
Historians critically evaluate the reliability and bias of sources, cross check facts, and place information in its historical context.	Detectives assess the credibility of evidence and testimonies, looking for inconsistencies or corroborative details to determine the truth.
Historians build coherent narratives based on their findings, providing explanations for	Detective reconstruct the sequence of events leading up to and following a crime,

historical events and the actions of individuals.

creating a logical account that explains how and why the crime occurred.

Historians pay close attention to minor details in documents and artifacts, which can provide crucial insights into the broader historical context.

Detectives notice small clues at a crime scene or in witness statements that can be critical to solving a case.

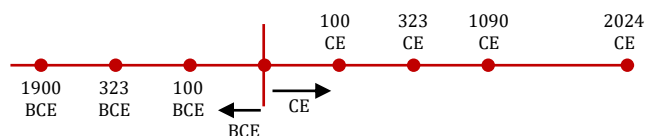
Historians address gaps in the historical record and reconcile conflicting sources to form a cohesive understanding of the past.

Detective solve puzzles and piece together fragmented information to identify suspects and understand the motive and method of a crime.

2. A few Exercises with dates:

(a) Place these dates chronologically on the timeline: 323 CE, 323 BCE, 100 CE, 100 BCE, 1900 BCE, 1090 CE, 2024 CE.

Ans.



(b) If King Chandragupta was born in 320 CE, which century did he belong to? And how many years was that after the Buddha's birth?

Ans. King Chandragupta was born in the 4th century CE.

Given King Chandragupta was born in 320 CE. Buddha was born in 560 BCE. Hence $560 + 320 - 1 = 880 - 1 = 879$ years. That means King Chandragupta was born 879 years after the Buddha's birth.

(c) Rani of Jhansi was born in 1828. Which century did she belong to? How many years was that before India's Independence?

Ans. Rani of Jhansi was born in the 19th century CE. India gained independence in 1947.

Hence:

$1947 - 1828 = 119$ years.

That means Rani of Jhansi was born 119 years before the India's independence.

(d) Turn '12,000 years ago' into a date.

Ans. Assuming the current year is 2024 CE, 12,000 years ago would be $12,000 - 2024 + 1 = 9977$ BCE