

What century is it?

While reading about history, we often see terms such as *fifteenth century*. But wait—is this referring to the 1400s or to the 1500s? Often, we get confused.

The answer? A *century* is a period of one hundred years, starting with year one. The years 1 to 100 constitute the first century (regardless of B.C.E. or C.E., since there is no such thing as “year zero”).

1-100	First Century	1001-1100	Eleventh Century
101-200	Second Century	1101-1200	Twelfth Century
201-300	Third Century	1201-1300	Thirteenth Century
301-400	Fourth Century	1301-1400	Fourteenth Century
401-500	Fifth Century	1401-1500	Fifteenth Century
501-600	Sixth Century	1501-1600	Sixteenth Century
601-700	Seventh Century	1601-1700	Seventeenth Century
701-800	Eighth Century	1701-1800	Eighteenth Century
801-900	Ninth Century	1801-1900	Nineteenth Century
901-1000	Tenth Century	1901-2000	Twentieth Century

1. During what century did the fall of Rome under Emperor Romulus Augustus occur (476 C.E.)?
2. During what centuries did the Crusades occur (1095-1291 C.E.)?
3. During what century did the Greek statesman Pericles die (429 B.C.E.)?
4. During what century were you born?