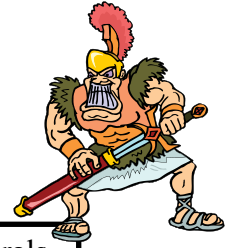# What Year is it? (Roman Numerals)

Roman numerals stem from the number system of ancient Rome. As the year, say 1412, was just a number, it was written in Roman numerals. The tradition of using Roman numerals to write the year continues today.

$$I = 1, \quad V = 5, \quad X = 10, \quad L = 50, \quad C = 100, \quad D = 500, \quad M = 1000.$$

The year 500 would be **D**, the year 1000 would be **M** and the year 2000 would be **MM**.

1). Copy and complete the table showing the start of the twenty-first century.

Year	Roman Numerals	Year	Roman Numerals
2000	MM	2010	MMX
2001	MMI	2011	MMXI
2002	MMII	2012	
2003	MMIII	2013	
2004		2014	
2005		2015	
2006	MMVI	2016	MMXVI
2007	MMVII	2017	
2008		2018	
2009	MMIX	2019	

2). Here are some historical events and the year in which they occurred. Copy and complete the table.

Event	Year	Roman numeral
The last Roman Emperor, Romulus Augustus, was taken prisoner.	476	
Charlemagne unified most of Europe under his rule.		DCCC
William of Normandy defeated King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings.	1066	
King John of England signed the Magna Carta.		MCCXV
Marco Polo returned from China.	1295	
Johann Gutenberg published the first mass-produced edition of the Bible.		MCDLVI
Christopher Columbus set sail to discover a 'New World'.		MCDXCII
Isaac Newton published the Principia.	1687	
The 13 colonies in America met to sign their Declaration of Independence.		MDCCLXXVI
The Bastille was stormed, starting the French Revolution.	1789	
Napoleon defeated at Waterloo by Duke Wellington.	1815	
Charles Darwin published The Origin of Species.		MDCCCLIX
The Wright brothers made their first flight in the Wright Flyer.		MCMIII
Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated, initiating World War I.	1914	
Germany invaded Poland, starting World War II.		MCMXXXIX
Yuri Gagarin became the first man to complete an orbit of Earth.	1961	
Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web.	1990	