

The Amazing Story of Our Calendar

Introduction: As we recently read about Rosh Hashanah, Ramadan, and Yom Kippur, the articles mentioned information about several lunar calendars as well as the Gregorian calendar. But, the question remains, what is the Gregorian calendar and where does it come from. You use it every day, but do you know why it is set up the way it is. After this assignment, you will know more than you wanted to know, and because it was the Catholic Church that instituted the Gregorian calendar it's technically part of Church history!

Directions: Please read the article "*The Amazing Story of Our Calendar,*" then answer the following questions as completely as possible. (5 pts. each)

1. Describe the Roman calendar BEFORE Julius Caesar.

2. Describe the Julian calendar's system.

3. Where do the names of the months in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars come from?

4. What changes did Pope Gregory XIII make to the Julian calendar and why?

5. Explain why there are problems looking at historical dates after 1582?

