

HOMEWORK: CHRONOLOGY

This assignment is designed to give you practice in converting traditional Chinese dates to their Western equivalents (and vice versa). The exercises here will require you to use the reference works described in the Chinese calendar handout. You may also have to employ your dictionary skills for some of the questions.

1. To which famous dates in Western history do the following Chinese dates correspond?

乾隆 41 年 5 月 19 日 _____

治平 3 年 9 月 23 日 _____

貞元 16 年 12 月 6 日 _____

For extra credit, explain what happened on these dates in Western history:

2. Write your birth date (in the Western calendar): _____

What was the Chinese date 500 years before you were born? (Include the Emperor, reign title, year, month, and date).

3. Who was the Emperor, and what was the traditional date 1000 years before your birthday this year (2004)?

4. What cyclical characters corresponded to the day you were born?

Extra credit: Go to the year 1582 in the *Sino-Western Calendar* (on CD-ROM). Why does the table skip from October 4 to October 15, 1582?