no for the timeline

To visually represent **A.D. (Anno Domini)** and other eras on a timeline, historians typically use a horizontal line where time is shown moving from left (past) to right (future). Here's how you would see **A.D.** (and its secular equivalent, **CE**) used in a timeline, along with **B.C.** (Before Christ) and **B.C.E.** (Before Common Era):

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3000 BCE    1000 BCE    1 BCE/1 BC   1 CE/AD 1    1000 CE/AD 1000   2025 CE/AD 2025
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- **BCE/BC**: Years **before** the traditional birth of Jesus Christ, numbers count down toward year 1.
- **CE/AD**: Years **after** the traditional birth of Jesus Christ, numbers count up from year 1.
- **There is no year 0**; the timeline transitions directly from 1 BCE/BC to 1 CE/AD.

A.D. is always written **before** the year number in Latin (e.g., AD 2025 = Anno Domini 2025), but in English, it's common to see it after (2025 AD). On a timeline, you'll see the division:

BCE/BC (Before Christ/Before Common Era)	1 BCE/BC	1 CE/AD	CE/AD (Common Era/Anno Domini)
… 3000 BCE, 1000 BCE, 500 BCE	1 BCE	1 CE	500 CE, 1000 CE, 2025 CE

Visual Timeline Example:

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BCE / BC                          CE / AD
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---
3000 2000 1000  500  100    1    1   100  500 1000 1500 2000 2025
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- Left of "1" is BCE/BC (e.g., 3000 BCE, 1000 BCE, 500 BCE, 1 BCE) - Right of "1" is CE/AD (e.g., 1 CE/AD, 100 CE/AD, 1000 CE/AD, 2025 CE/AD)

Design Notes:

- Timelines can be vertical or horizontal, and can use colors or bands to show different civilizations or themes [1] [2].
- Modern timeline infographics often use icons, bands, or color-coding to clarify eras and events [3] [2] [4].

If you want to create your own timeline, tools like Canva, Venngage, and EdrawMax offer customizable templates for historical timelines [5] [3] [6].

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1. https://www.xentity.com/historical-timeline-visualizations-story-maps-and-changing-styles/

2. https://www.datavis.ca/gallery/timelines.php

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4. https://reallygooddesigns.com/timeline-infographic-examples/

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