Measuring Time Worksheet

There are many different words that we use to describe the past. It is important that we understand these words if we are to become good historians.

Part I  Matching

_____ Century      A.) Common Era
_____ B.C.         B.) One thousand years
_____ Decade       C.) Before the Common Era
_____ A.D.         D.) anno Domini (Latin for “After Christ”)
_____ CE           E.) Before Christ
_____ Periods      F.) One hundred years
_____ BCE          G.) Every ten years
_____ Millennium   H.) Separate divisions of time

Part II  Writing

Write a sentence for each of the words above.

A century means ……. 
Part III  Turning Years into Centuries

Finding out which year is in which century can be tricky business. The easiest way to decided is to cover the last two numbers of a year up and then add one to the number or numbers that are visible. For example,

1459 is in the 15th Century.

Find the centuries for the following dates:

1584  __________
1275  __________
2001  __________
1899  __________
654  __________

Part IV  Completing a Timeline

Complete the timeline shown below in terms of decades and the century it belongs in:

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(What Century is it in?)

Part V  Extension

Fill in the following blanks:

My name is _______________________________________________. I was born in the _____ century. My date of birth is _________________ BCE or CE. In my lifetime I have entered a new __________________, _________________________, and _______________________. We now live in the _________ century.