

Help Me With My Roman Numerals

Version 1.0
Windows PC
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Help Me With My Roman Numerals is a great educational tool, whether you are teaching math, history, English or just about any subject that deals with numbers. Students often find that they are completely puzzled when they see Roman numerals on poster, buildings, clocks, and other everyday objects. This is because their introduction to Roman numerals was not accompanied by some interesting practice material. Well, with our new software drill (game) program, ***Help Me With My Roman Numerals***, your students will soon be bragging on their knowledge about Roman numerals.

To make the drill interesting, we have students try to identify the year of birth of famous people – past and present. Charles Dickens might appear right after Lil' Bow Wow, Paris Hilton, or Norman Lear. If they don't recognize the name, this might be a good time for them to look up the person in a biographical dictionary, for example. But they won't need knowledge about the person to play the drill. All they need to know is basic knowledge on how to form Roman numeral dates from decimal dates. This might be knowledge you teach in class or knowledge they can get from research in the library, on line, and even in the program itself. In any event, the program is captivating enough to keep student practicing what they know about Roman numerals.

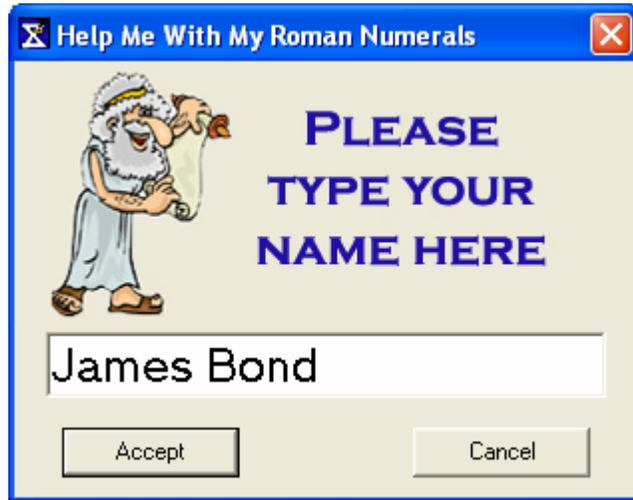
INSTALLATION

Use the setup.exe installation program to set up ***Help Me With My Roman Numerals*** on your Windows PC. You will find this in the download or CD package you obtained. Follow the instructions on screen to complete the installation. Once you have the program installed on your program, you will have an icon on the Windows desktop from which you can start the program. All necessary files will be installed on your PC.

(If you are using the DEMO version of the program, you will find it fully functional, however, you will only be offered 10 famous names and dates to play with. The full version can be obtained from Baggetta_Ware www.baggetta.com, and contains over 3000 names and dates to randomly play with.)

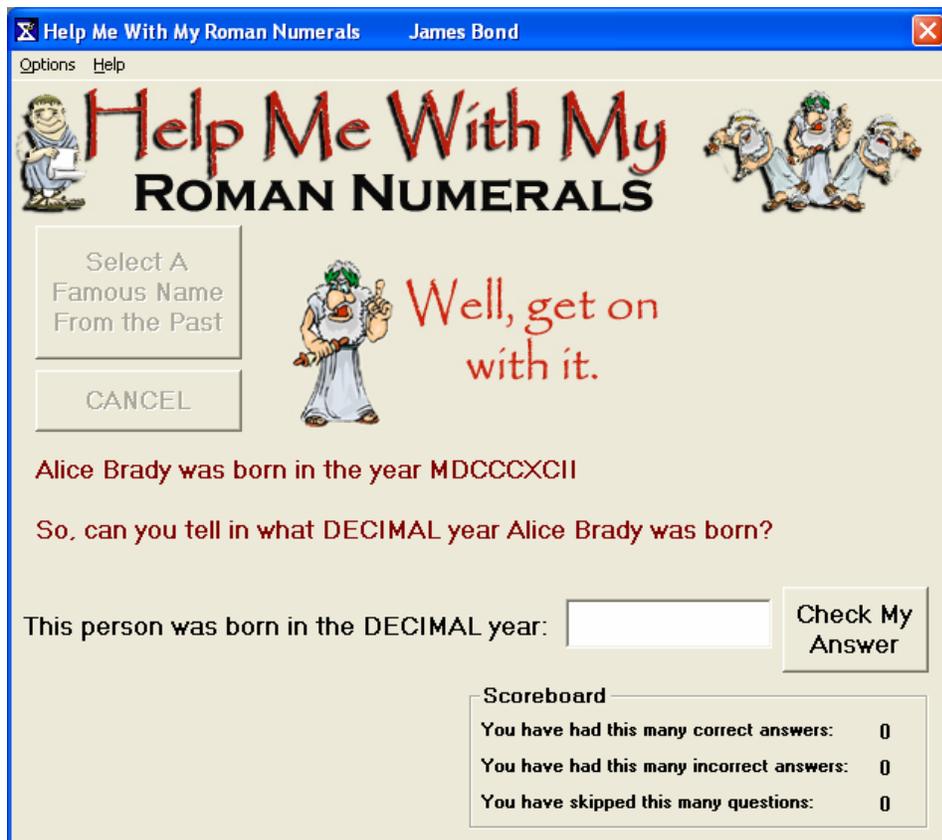
USING THE PROGRAM

Your student should double click the icon on the Windows desktop to get started. The first dialog that is offered is the name box. The student should type his name in the box and then click ACCEPT. He can back out of the program by clicking CANCEL.



Once your name has been accepted, you will be presented with the main work screen, illustrated here.

To get your first puzzle, click the button, "Select A Famous Name From the Past." This will present you with the name of the person and the year of birth, either in ROMAN NUMERALS or in DECIMAL. The program randomly selects the option. The student types alternate year (Decimal or Roman) correctly in the answer box and then clicks the button, "Check My Answer" to see if he is correct.



INCORRECT ANSWER

If the answer is incorrect, the student will see this screen.

Our little sage will tell him he is incorrect and he will be given two option buttons. He can try the same date again, "Try Again." Or if he has tried and failed too many times, he can get the correct answer and pass on this question, "Skip This One."

A scoreboard is keeping track of the student's actions at the bottom of the work screen, so he will know how many correct, incorrect, and skipped questions he has completed. Teachers might also want to use this as a gauge, as well.

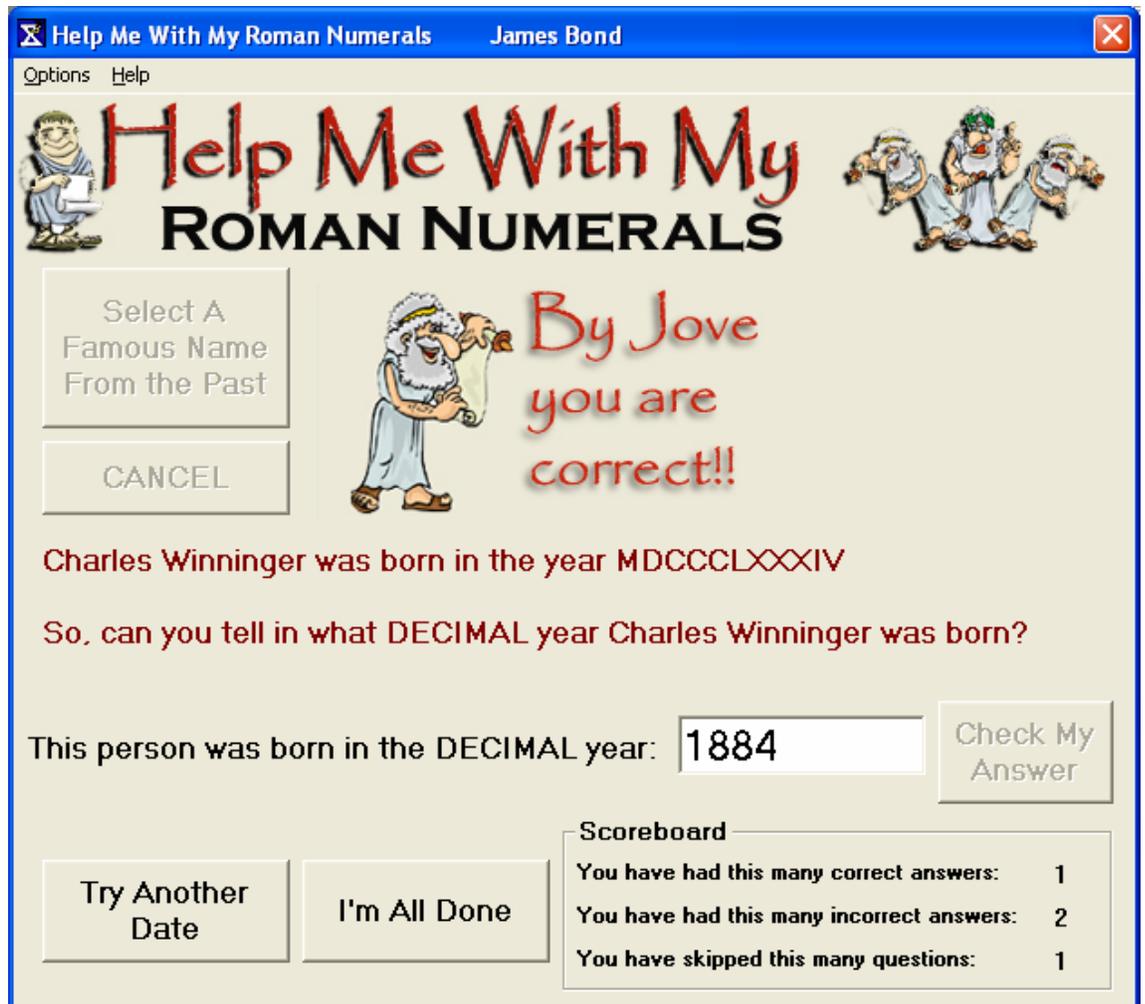
The screenshot shows a software window titled "Help Me With My Roman Numerals" with the user name "James Bond". The interface includes a menu bar with "Options" and "Help". The main content area features the title "Help Me With My Roman Numerals" in a stylized font, accompanied by cartoon illustrations of a sage and three other figures. A central illustration shows a sage holding a scroll with the text "Merciful Centaur you are Wrong". Below this, a question is displayed: "Alice Brady was born in the year MDCCCXCII. So, can you tell in what DECIMAL year Alice Brady was born?". A text input field contains the number "1943", and a "Check My Answer" button is positioned to its right. To the left of the input field are buttons for "Select A Famous Name From the Past" and "CANCEL". To the right are buttons for "Try Again" and "Skip This One". At the bottom right, a "Scoreboard" box displays the following statistics:

Scoreboard	
You have had this many correct answers:	0
You have had this many incorrect answers:	1
You have skipped this many questions:	0

CORRECT ANSWER

If the student answers correctly, he will see the following screen.

Once again our sage comments and the student is given two more options. He can "Try Another Date" or he can call it quits by clicking the ending button, "I'm All Done."



Students who use this program will find it quite addicting after a while, since they will see that they can get the answers correct if they put on their thinking caps.

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