

ROMAN NUMERALS

Okay, okay, I know Roman numerals are like two thousand years out-of-date. But the fact remains we live in a world where people still think it's a neat idea to use them from time to time. And if you are going to be a Trekker, you better know them.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

- To earn your Nugget, learn the value for I, V, X, L, C, D, M by heart. Use flash cards if you need to.
- Write the following numbers with Roman numerals and show to your parents to gain bragging rights. 28, 89, 1056, 282, 12, 692, 4328, 2018.

So, here is a simple summary of the different values:

I=1 X=10 C=100 M=1,000
V=5 L=50 D=500

Now where it gets a little weird for us is when the Romans put a number to the right of another number, you add it, when you put it to the left. You subtract it:

III=3 IV=4 VIII=8 XXX=30 LXX=70
V=5 VI=6 IX=9 XL=40 LXXIV=74

And that's how those crazy Romans wrote number values.

It may have been the reason their empire collapsed. Not sure, but I suspect it had something to do with it.

