

Here are some interesting facts about ancient math:

- * Our counting system is based on the numeral “10” because we have ten fingers — the first calculator.
- * The Romans based their numerals (I, II, III, etc.) on finger position.



- * Many number and math systems were invented so the government could collect taxes!

Discussion Questions/Written Responses

1.) How does math affect you when you get home at night?
List household items that wouldn't be possible without numbers.

Item	Reason
A. _____	_____
B. _____	_____
C. _____	_____
D. _____	_____

2.) Do you think we could live without numbers? Why or why not?
(Remember that cavemen lived without numbers — or did they??)

3.) Our number system is based on units of ten. On a separate piece of paper illustrate how a system based on another unit amount might work.
(Think about computer code, for example.)