

Four Principles for reading and writing Roman Numerals

1. A letter repeated once or twice repeats its value that many times:

X = 10, **XX** = 20, **XXX** = 30

C = 200, **CC** = 400, **CCC** = 600

2. Letters of lower value placed after other letters increase the value:

V = 5, **VI** = 6

L = 50, **LX** = 60

3. Letters of lower value placed before other letters decreases the final value:

V = 5, **IV** = 4

XX = 20, **IXX** = 19

4. A bar placed on top of a letter, or string of letters, multiplies the value by 1,000

IX = 9 but **IX̄** = 9,000

1	I
2	II
3	III
4	IV
5	V
6	VI
7	VII
8	VIII
9	IX
10	X
20	XX
30	XXX
40	XL
50	L
60	LX
70	LXX
80	LXXX
90	XC
100	C
500	D
1,000	M