



Topic: Prehistoric Britain

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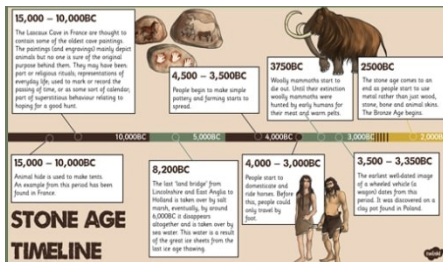
Background Information

- Used stone age information texts when looking at chronological reports.
- Knowledge of different types of settlement and land usage in Geography.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Skara Brae – an archaeological site that has remains from a village in the Neolithic Period.



Interesting facts

- The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age covers 98% of human history in Britain.
- The earliest time when human beings used tools carved out of stone is known as the Stone Age.
- The Stone Age is the name given to the earliest period of human culture when stone tools were first used and ended when man began smelting metal.
- It was thousands of years ago when the primary purpose of human beings was to protect themselves from other beings and animals.
- The Stone Age started almost 2.5 million years ago.
- It is divided into three different periods:
 - Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age.
 - Mesolithic or Middle Stone Age.
 - Neolithic or New Stone Age.
- Experts believe that people began building Stonehenge in 3000BC and that it took round 1000 years to complete. The purpose of Stonehenge remains a mystery, although most believe it was used to track the passage of time in some way.
- Cave artists would grind coloured rocks into a powder and then mix this with spit, water or animal fat which would then help the paint stick to the cave walls.
- Cave paintings were used to record their lives. Some people believed they were drawn to show the animals that they had successfully hunted.



Key Vocabulary

Archaeologist	Person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them.
Artefact	An object made by a human being.
Tribes	A group of people that live together for protection.
Neolithic Period	The Neolithic period covers the early 3900—1700 BC. The time period where farming was invented, and when people started caring for animals.
Hunter Gatherer	A member of people who live by hunting and fishing.
Flint	A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting.
Settlement	A place where a group of people live together in many buildings.
Homo Sapiens	The type of human species alive today.
Agriculture	The practice of farming and growing crops (plants.)
Era / Period	A length of time.
Stone Age	The stone age is the name given to the earliest period of human culture when stone tools were first used.
Bronze Age	The bronze age is the time period when bronze replaced stone as the preferred materials for making tools and weapons.
Iron Age	The iron age is the time period when iron became the preferred choice of metal for making tools.

Know how to / Activity

- Research information about cavemen and organise into a non-chronological report or fact file.
- Visit the library and find a book about The Stone Age.
- Create your own cave painting.