

Stone Age to Iron Age Knowledge Organiser Year 3 Autumn Term

What was the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age?

Stone Age: The Stone Age was a time in history when early humans used tools and weapons made out of stone.

Bronze Age: This is a period in history between the Stone Age and the Iron Age, when humans began to use metal to make tools and weapons. During the Bronze Age people began to farm. Farmer allows more people to live and settle in one area. They could store food for the winter and use it to trade for other things.

Iron Age: During this period, people replaced their bronze tools and weapons with those made from iron. Iron was much stronger

With more and better tools, people could do more. For example, more people could own a metal plough. They could farm their fields better and grow more crops.

Timeline of events

300,000 – 150,000 BCE	The first humans lived in Africa.
40,000 BCE	First cave paintings were drawn in a cave in Spain.
10,000 BCE	Ice Age ends
8,000 BCE	The wheel was invented.
4,500 BCE	People learn to make simple pottery. People begin to farm.
4,000 BCE	People start to domesticate and ride horses. Before this, they had to walk everywhere.
3,000 BCE	The wheel was invented.
3,000 BCE	The Stone Age ends.
3,000 – 800 BCE	The Bronze Age
2,500 BCE	Bronze Axes were developed. Soon people also learn to make spears, daggers and other metal tools and weapons.
800 - 54 BCE	The Iron Age
700 BCE	People begin to work with iron, which is much stronger than Bronze. Small farms and network of fields are developed. People start to farm cattle, sheep, pigs and as well as crops.
54 BCE	The Roman Empire raids the South Coast of England. This marks the beginning of Roman Britain as the Roman Empire spreads to this country.

Vocabulary

Paleolithic	Early Stone Age
Mesolithic	Middle Stone Age
Neolithic	New Stone Age
Neolithic Man / Woman	Someone who lived during the Stone Age.
Cave painting	Early art found on caves in France in Spain of animals and hunting scenes.
Fur pelt	Skin of animals – used to keep people warm.
Spear	A weapon used in hunting.
Tools	Items used to help people with their work such as cutting, chopping, digging and hammering.
Stone Henge	A famous site in England where large stones were arranged in a circle. It is mystery how people were able to get these stones in place without modern machinery.
Pottery	Items made from sand or clay.
Farming	Growing crop and animals for food and clothing.

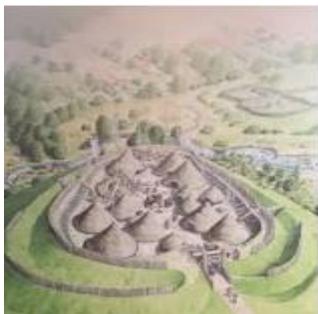
Stone Age Dwellings:



Bronze Age Dwellings:



Iron Age Hill Fort:

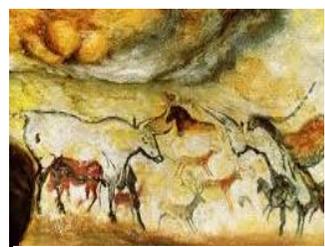


Famous Stone Age Sites

Stonehenge in Wiltshire	This is a huge man made circle of standing stones. It took about 1000 years to build. It is a mystery exactly how people built it.
Lascaux Caves in France.	Stone Age cave paintings were discovered on the walls of these caves. They are about 20,000 years old.
Scotland's Scara Brae	This is Europe's most complete Stone Age town.
Altamira Caves, Spain	More cave art showing animals. These date from 15,000 years ago.
New Grange, Ireland	This is an old burial tomb. Although it was built thousands of years ago, during the stone age, it has a very clever design. Only on the shortest day of the year each year, as the sun rises, the light fills the chamber with sunlight. This lasts for about 15 minutes.



Stonehenge



Lascaux Cave Art



Skara Brae, Orkney Isles. Scotland



Newgrange

Big Inventions of the Bronze Age and Iron Age

1 million years ago	Stone choppers and knives
8,000 BCE	First Wheel
4,500	First simple pottery is made.
4,000 BCE	First rope
2,800 BCE	First soap
2,400 BCE	First umbrella (in Ancient Egypt)
2,300 BCE	First plough was invented.
2,000 BCE	Kites were invented during the Bronze Age in China

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