

Stone Age to Iron Age

Stone Age

Stone Age hunters had to catch or find their food. They hunted food using sharpened sticks of bows and arrows. They also gathered fruits and nuts to eat.

Stone Age people used sharp stones to cut their food and they cooked it on the fire.

In the Stone Age, people made weapons using stone. They may have also used bones or antlers. They used animal skins for clothes and in their shelters. People lived in caves and they decorated them with paintings.

Bronze Age

Settlers from mainland Europe came to Britain and taught people how to make using copper, gold and bronze. People travelled between mainland Europe and Britain on boats.

During the Bronze Age, people learned to work with horses and began to make carts with wheels. This allowed them to travel using horses.

People would no longer only have one dwelling. A farming household may have consisted of two houses.

Iron Age

People had now learnt how to use iron, a discovery which had a huge impact on their everyday life. People could now use iron tools when farming, which made tasks much easier and as a result, settlements grew quickly.

The Iron Age was a violent time. People were living in clans which belonged to tribes. Tribes were led by warrior kings. Tribes fought their rival tribes with iron weapons. People lived in hill forts to keep them safe from these fights.

Key Vocabulary

Archaeologist	Someone who studies human history through excavation of sites.
Artefact	An object of historical interest.
Shelter	A place to protect yourself from the weather or danger.
Settlement	A place where people have come to live and make their homes.
Dwelling	A place of residence.
Thatched	A cover, or roof, made of straw.
Smelting	A process involving heating and melting to extract metal.
Stone	A hard, solid mineral material.
Iron	A strong, hard, magnetic material.
Bronze	A material made from copper and tin.
Mainland	A large, continuous mass of land.
Tribe	A group of people linked by one common factor, with a recognised leader.

Stonehenge

Stonehenge is a famous monument in Salisbury. Stonehenge took hundreds of years to build, although we aren't exactly sure of the dates. It is thought that the last changes were made during the Bronze Age.

The reason for Stonehenge being built is not known, however, people may have gathered there for religious ceremonies.

It would have taken a lot of effort to build as people only would have had stone tools.

