

How does the world shape our identities?

Stone Age to Iron Age



Key Vocabulary

Bronze Age - A prehistoric period that came after the Stone Age but before the Iron Age where weapons and tools were made of bronze rather than stone

Chronology - Arrangement of events by time or date

Homo sapiens - Human species that survived until modern day

Iron Age - A prehistoric period that followed the Bronze Age where weapons and tools came to be made of iron

Mesolithic - The middle part of the Stone Age

Neanderthal - An extinct species of human widely distributed in ice-age Europe

Neolithic - The later part of the Stone Age

Palaeolithic - The early part of the Stone Age

Prehistory - The period of time before written records

Stone Age - A prehistoric period when weapons and tools were made of stone or organic materials



Skara Brae

Skara Brae is a stone-built Neolithic settlement, located on the Bay of Skail on the west coast of Mainland, the largest island in the Orkney Islands of Scotland. The site was occupied from roughly 3180 BC to about 2500 BC and is Europe's most complete Neolithic village.



Stonehenge

Stonehenge is one of the world's most famous monuments. It stands on Salisbury Plain, in Wiltshire, and its giant stones can be seen from miles around. Stonehenge took many hundreds of years to build. Work began in the late Neolithic Age, around 3000BC. Over the next thousand years, people changed parts of the monument. The last changes were made in the early Bronze Age, around 1500BC.



Roundhouses

People lived in these during the Iron Age within hillforts.



Stonehenge
Artist impression

Palaeolithic Period

Britain was part of mainland Europe. First humans probably arrive in Britain 900,000 years ago. Period is marked by two ice ages.



Mesolithic Period

Set up camps along the British coast. Hunters work together and move around with the seasons.



Neolithic Period

Britain becomes an island. People learn to farm and begin to settle down and live in small communities.



Bronze Age

Learn to use bronze. People live in small communities led by a chief. People gather together for religious ceremonies.



Iron Age

Learn to make iron. Farming flourished and people lived in hill forts to protect against other invaders.



Palaeolithic Period 2.5 million years ago to 8000 BC	Mesolithic Period 8000BC	Neolithic Period 4500BC	Bronze Age 2500 BC	Iron Age 800 BC
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AD43
Roman
Invasion