

# Stone Age to Iron Age

History

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## Key Facts

- The oldest period of the Stone Age began around 2.5 million years ago. Palaeolithic - up to 10000 BC, Mesolithic - to 4000 BC, Neolithic - to 2000 BC.
- The Bronze Age was between 2300 BC and 800 BC.
- The Iron Age was between 800 BC to 43 AD.
- Before the Mesolithic period, Britain was joined to mainland Europe.
- Stone Age people lived as hunter-gatherers and moved from place to place to find food.
- In the Neolithic period, people started to settle down into farming villages.
- Skara Brae is a well preserved Iron Age village in the Orkney Islands. It was discovered in 1850.
- Early Stone Age humans hunted sabre-toothed cats, woolly mammoths, bison and deer. They made weapons from bone, ivory and antler and even made nets from tree branches for fishing.
- Fire was used to cook and ward off predators.
- During the Bronze Age, bronze weapons and jewellery was made.

## Chronology

800,000 BC <b>STONE AGE</b>	Earliest footprints in Britain date back to this time
40,000-8000 BC	People started making cave paintings
25000 BC	Ice Age in Northern Europe and Britain
12000 BC	Modern humans start living in Britain
8500 BC	The climate gets warmer in Britain
6000 BC	Britain becomes an island
4500-3500 BC	Farming starts and begins to spread. The first pottery is made and used.
4000-3000 BC	People started to ride and use horses
3000 BC	Stonehenge starts being built Skara Brae first inhabited
2300 BC <b>BRONZE AGE</b>	<b>Bronze working is introduced</b>
1600 BC	Stonehenge is abandoned
1200 BC	Hillforts are introduced
800 BC <b>IRON AGE</b>	<b>Ironworking is introduced</b>
100 BC	Coins are made and used for the first time
43 AD	<b>The Romans invade Britain and the Iron Age ends</b>

## Vocabulary

BC/BCE	Before Christ/Before the Common Era
AD	Anno Domini—after the birth of Jesus
tribe	People that live together for protection
Stone Age	Using tools made from stone
Bronze Age	Using tools made from bronze
Iron Age	Using tools made from iron
homo- sapiens	The type of humans alive today
settlement	A place where a group of people live together in many buildings
hillfort	A fort built on a hill with outer walls or ditches for defensive purposes
prehistoric	The time before recorded history

### Useful links and sources

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/>

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Stone-Age>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-stone-age>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk/articles/z34djxs>

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