



What should I know already?

- B.C means before Christ.
- A. D means the years after Jesus is believed to have been born.
- Chronological means time order.
- People have not always lived in towns and cities as most of us now do.

Things I need to know

Stone Age

- Palaeolithic Period**- People were hunters and found food by roaming place to place.
- Neolithic Period**- People began to settle into farming villages instead of moving, they started to look after animals and grow crops.
- Mesolithic period**- sea levels rose and Britain became an island. Tools were developed to become smaller and finer. The invention of canoes meant people were better able to hunt for fish as well as animals.

Bronze Age

-People discovered how to get metal out of rocks. Bronze replaced stone as the best material for making tools. People were able to build better farming equipment and made bronze weapons. It started at different times around the world.

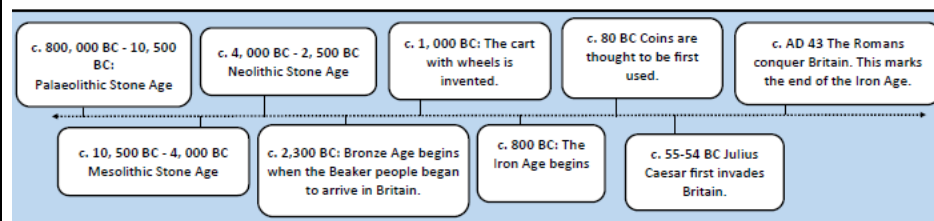
Iron Age

Iron replaced bronze as the main material for making tools and weapons. People lived in tribes and were often at war with each other. They began to protect themselves by settling in hillforts. Sometimes people from the Iron Age are called 'Celts'.

Vocabulary

- Archaeologist** – Someone who studies the past by exploring old remains.
- Artefact** – An object from the past that shows evidence of what life was like.
- Barrow**- A large structure made of earth that people used to build over graves.
- Bronze**- Copper and tin are melted together to make a metal called bronze.
- Century**- A period of 100 years.
- Flint**- A type of stone that can be shaped into tools for hunting.
- Gather**- Collect things together.
- Hillfort**- Settlements built on hills to provide more protection.
- Invasion**- To try and take over a place by force.
- Migration**- Move from one place to another in order to settle there.
- Roundhouse**- a circular how with a thatched roof built from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age.
- Settler/settlement**- People who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement.
- Smelting**- A process to separate metals from rocks by heating and melting the metal.
- Stone circle**- Burials took place in stone circles.
- Trade**- The activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods or services.

Timeline



Diagrams



Cave paintings- early humans may have used art as a way of helping themselves in

their struggle for survival. Paintings of animals on cave walls are common. The famous cave paintings at Lascaux in southwest France are about 18,000 years old.



People and Places

-**Skara Brae**- An archaeological site in Orkney, Scotland. It is a Stone Age village. There are 8 houses made of stone, with only one room in each house. It is famous because it has been well preserved and has taught us a lot about life in the Stone Age.

Stonehenge- a prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England. It consists of a ring of standing stones, with each standing stone around 4 metres high. Its purpose and how it was built remains uncertain.

