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Significant places

Skara Brae

A stone-built Neolithic settlement. It is located on an island called Orkney in Scotland. It is a cluster of eight houses, which were occupied between 3000 and 2500 BC.

Stone Henge

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

Maiden Castle

One of the largest and most complex Iron Age hillforts in Europe. Located in Dorset, England. It was built around 100 BC and once protected hundreds of residents.



Stone Age to Iron Age Years 3 and 4

Important Time Periods

Stone Age

The Stone Age was split into three periods: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. People were hunter-gatherers. Towards the end, people began farming and growing crops.

Bronze Age

Bronze was used instead of stone to make tools and weapons. Woollen cloth was used to make clothes and to keep warm. People were buried with their important possessions.

Iron Age

Iron was used instead of bronze to make tools and weapons as its shape can be changed. Settlements were often under attack and there were many wars. This period ended when the Romans invaded Britain in 43 AD.



Key Vocabulary

Archaeologist

A person who learns about the past by digging up items and studying them.

Artefact

An object made by a human being.

Prehistoric

The time in history between the Stone Age and the first written records.

Site

When a substance loses or gains enough energy allowing it to change its state.

Tribes

A group of people that live together for protection.

Flint

A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting.

Settlement

A place where a group of people live together in many buildings.

Agriculture

The practice of farming and growing crops.

Era / Period

A length of time covering many years.

Paleolithic Period

Mesolithic Period

Neolithic Period

Bronze Age

Iron Age

2,600,000 BC

10,000 BC

4,000 BC

2,300 BC

800 BC

43 AD