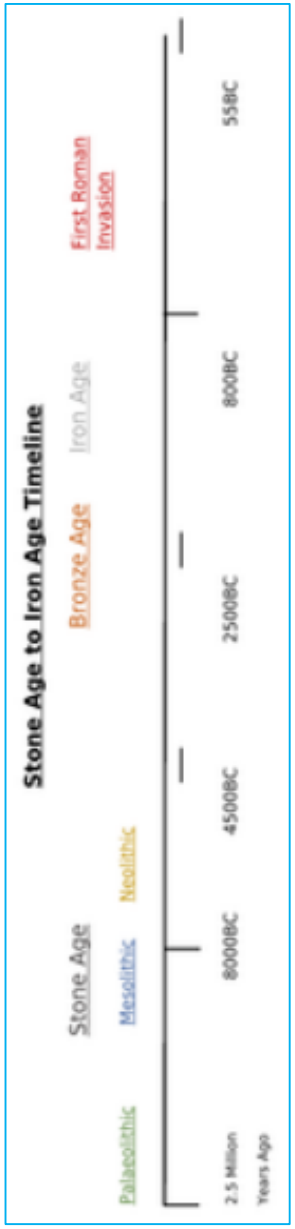
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The Stone Age to The Iron Age

Year 3

How could you survive the Stone Age?



History

Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

The Stone Age is a long prehistoric period when stone was used by humans to make stone tools. It lasted from 2.5 million years ago to about 5000 years ago. The Stone Age is divided into three periods:

~ Paleolithic (Old Stone Age)
~ Mesolithic (Mid Stone Age)
~ Neolithic (New Stone Age)

The Paleolithic era lasted for such a long time that it makes up about 99% of all human history! During the Stone Age humans began living in Europe and they used stones as tools. By the Iron Age (from 800BC) humans used iron to make tools and they farmed the land instead of hunting.

Useful Information

Skara Brae is a Stone Age village in Scotland with 8 houses made of stone. It is famous because it has taught us a lot about the Stone Age.

Stonehenge – this is a famous monument in Wiltshire, England. It is a circle of very large stones standing upright.

Hunter-gatherers – humans found their food using simple tools to capture animals. They moved from place to place to gather food, depending on the season and movement of animals.



Stonehenge



Skara Brae







Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Agriculture	The practice of farming and growing crops
Archaeologist	Person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them
Artefact	An object made by a human
Homo sapiens	Type of human species alive today
Monument	Something built to remember an important person or event
Neanderthal	An extinct species of humans who lived until about 40,000 years ago.

Geography





