



LKS2 History Knowledge and Skills Organiser

Caveman to Iron Warrior

Key Knowledge and Skills

We will be looking back at the first people that lived in Britain. We will be focusing on two Stone Age civilisations called Mesolithic and Neolithic civilisations. We will also be looking at Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be exploring the ways each civilisation lived, fought and hunted.

Mesolithic: The Stone Age in Britain took place between around 15000 BC to 2500 BC. The Mesolithic period is known as the middle stone age. Humans were hunter-gatherers and had catch or find everything they ate. They moved from place to place in search of food. This called a nomadic lifestyle. Humans lived this way during the Palaeolithic (early stone age) and Mesolithic periods.



Neolithic: The Neolithic period was when people got better at farming. Hunter-gatherers became farmers. The term Neolithic or New Stone Age is used to describe the time when people started farming. This was when they grew cereal plants and domesticated animals.

Bronze Age: The Bronze Age in Britain was a period in time around 4,000 years ago when

people started using bronze to make tools and weapons instead of stone. Originally, the Bronze age began in the Middle East, but it spread across Europe, North Africa, and Asia over the following centuries.



Iron Age: The Iron Age is the period that came after the Bronze Age. The Iron Age occurred approximately 3000 years ago depending on the region, and in Britain it lasted from around 500 BC to 43 AD. People discovered iron at this time. It quickly became the preferred choice of metal, replacing the use of bronze in metalworking.

The end of the Iron Age came when Roman culture began to take over Britain due to the Roman invasion.



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Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Stone Age	A prehistoric period when weapons and tools were made of stone or materials such as bone, wood, or horn.
Mesolithic	The middle part of the Stone Age, between the Palaeolithic and Neolithic.
Neolithic	The later part of the Stone Age, when ground or polished stone weapons and implements prevailed.
Bronze Age	A period that followed the Stone Age and preceded the Iron Age, when weapons and tools were made of bronze rather than stone.
Iron Age	A prehistoric period that followed the Bronze Age, when weapons and tools came to be made of iron.
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism
Britain	An island off the north-west coast of Europe, consisting of England, Scotland and Wales
Civilisation	The society, culture, and way of life of a particular area
Hunter	A person or animal that hunts.
Tools	A device or implement, especially one held in the hand, used to carry out a particular function
Weapons	Objects used to fight in combat or to hunt.
Farming	The activity or business of growing crops and raising livestock.

Timeline

Mesolithic	Neolithic	Bronze Age	Iron Age
c15000 BC - 2500 BC	10000 BC - 2200 BC	2200 - c 800 BC	800 BC - 43 AD

