

Learning Organiser: How did the lives of Ancient Britons change during the Stone Age?

Key objective

Describe and explain how archaeologists believe the way of life of Ancient Britons changed from the Old Stone Age to the New Stone Age.

Important Vocabulary

Anachronism	Something not belonging to a particular place or time in the past.
Archaeologist	Someone who studies human prehistory through the excavation of sites and examining artefacts.
Prehistory	The time before writing was used to record events.
Artefact	An object made by a human being.
Excavation	Removing rock and soil to uncover artefacts left behind by people in the past.
Reconstruction	Rebuilding something the way it originally looked.
Hunter-gatherer	Living by hunting animals, fishing and harvesting wild food.
Nomadic	People without a fixed home who wander from place to place.
Flint	A hard grey rock occurring in lumps in chalk.
Knapping	The shaping of flint to make a tool or weapon.
Domesticate	The taming of wild animals so that they can be kept on farms.
Ceremony	An act done in a way to honour a person or a special occasion.

Stone Age Timeline

Paleolithic or Old Stone Age: Accounts for 99% of all human history. Hunter gatherers and stone, wood and bone tools.

Mesolithic or Middle Stone Age: First permanent homes, canoes and domestication of dogs from wolves.

Neolithic or New Stone Age: First farms and permanent villages and the beginning of trade.



Important things I will know and understand

Why the Stone Age is part of 'prehistory'.

The three periods and dates of the Stone Age in Britain.

How archaeologists use artefacts to understand life in Stone Age Britain.

Why most Ancient Britons were hunter gatherers.

The difference between Stone Age winter and summer camps.

Why in the New Stone Age Ancient Britons began to build permanent settlements.

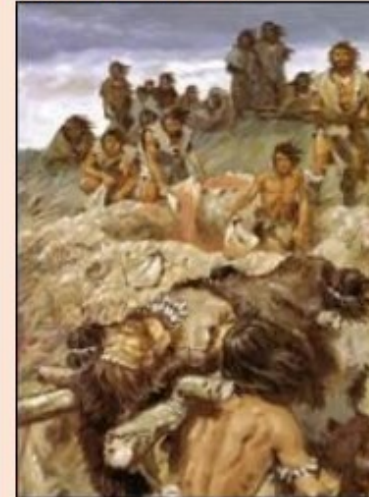
How and why life for Ancient Britons changed from the Old to New Stone Age.

Important People



Red Lady of Paviland

Important way of life



Hunter – gatherers

Important Places



Happisburgh



Skara Brae



Silbury Hill



Stonehenge