

Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age

Artefacts

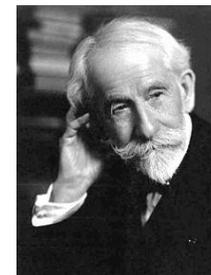


Key knowledge

When did this happen?	The Stone Age started 3.4 million years ago and it is believed to have ended in 3,300 BC. The Bronze Age then began ending in 1200 BC. The Iron Age ended when the Ancient Romans began in 332AD.
How do we know this?	Historians and Archaeologists have been able to date this due to the artefacts that have been discovered. Some cave paintings have been dated for around 13,000 BC.
Where did this happen?	Most artefacts have been discovered in Northern Europe. Settlements mostly seem to be in France, Great Britain and areas of Scandinavia.
What did they live in?	During the Stone age people lived in tents made out of animal skin. By the time of the Bronze and Iron age people were using stronger materials to make round houses in small settlements.
What did they eat?	At first people would hunt for meat and gather berries. Over time people began farming crops and raising livestock. Towards the end of the Iron Age a trade had developed where people would sell food at markets for money.
What did they wear?	Mostly animal fur and skins were used for clothing. Woolly Mammoth fur was a popular choice for shoes. Jewellery was popular to showcase power.

William Watt of Skail

In the winter of 1850 a great storm battered the Island of Orkney. The combination of winds and high tides stripped the grass from a high mound. The first house from an Ancient settlement was exposed. William Watt continued to unearth the ancient settlement of Skara brae through many excavations finding many artefacts.



Key Vocabulary

Bronze	A metal mostly made of copper and another metal melted together
Iron	A strong, hard, grey magnetic metal mostly used in construction
Prehistoric	History before information was recorded and written down
Ancient	Something from the very distant past which is no longer in existence
Artefact	A man made object from the past
Skara Brae	An ancient settlement from the Bronze age found in Scotland
Mammoth	A large woolly mammal, similar to an elephant which is now extinct
Cave Painting	Paintings found on the wall of caves which prehistoric people used to communicate
AD	Anno Domini
BC	Before Christ