

The Stone Age to the Iron Age

Houses at Skara Brae—
which features can you
see?



Skara Brae - this is a stone-built Neolithic settlement, located on the island of Orkney, Scotland. There are 8 houses made of stone. It is famous because it has been well preserved and has taught us a lot about the Stone Age. Archaeological findings at the site include dice, jewellery and the evidence of fireplaces and shelves.

Stone Age - Mesolithic Life and Neolithic Life	
13,000BC People make cave paintings.	4,500 - 3,500BC Farming starts and begins to spread.
Bronze Age	
4,500 - 3,500BC The first pottery is made and used	4,000 - 3,000BC People start to ride and use horses.
2,500BC Metal starts to be used	1,800BC The first copper mines are dug.
1,200 - 800BC Metal tools are made and used.	1,200 - 800BC Tribal Kingdoms and Celtic Culture.
Iron Age	
800 - 700BC The first Hill Forts are made.	700 - 500BC Iron is used a lot more than before.
100BC Coins are made and used for the first time.	AD43 The Romans invade Britain - Iron Age Ends.

Key Vocabulary	
Archaeology	The study of the tools, graves, buildings and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past, in order to learn about their culture.
BC	(Before Christ). A way of dating years before the birth of Jesus.
Hunter-gathers	People who found food from their local environment and then moved from site to site depending on the season. They moved wherever they needed to get food from.
Artefact	An object made in the past. We can use artefacts to gain information about history.
Chronological order	Arranged in order of time
Anachronism	Something that could not have existed in that time period
Preserve	To keep an item in good condition over time

Important time periods	
Early Stone Age 10,000BC-8,000BC	The first humans were hunter-gatherers and moved round to hunt so lived in caves or tents. They used stones as tools.
Late Stone Age 8,000BC-2,100BC	The people learned how to farm animals so no longer needed to move around to hunt.
Bronze Age 2,100BC-500BC	In this era, bronze was discovered and used to make tools and weapons. The people began to trade.
Iron Age 500BC-43AD	People began using iron and steel to make tools and weapons. Most people lived on farms and the population grew. Hill forts were built.

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