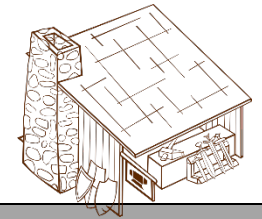




Stone Age



Timeline

| 13,000 B.C. | 4500-3500 B.C. | 3000 B.C. | 2300 B.C. | 1200-800 B.C. |
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| People make cave paintings | Farming starts to begin to spread and pottery is made | Stonehenge started | Bronze working introduced | First hillforts |

Key Vocabulary

| The Stone Age | |
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| cave paintings | Artwork in caves dating back to the Ice Age. |
| jewellery | Late Stone Age people made it from shells, teeth and bones. |
| woolly mammoth | A now extinct animal roaming earth during the Ice Age. |
| nomadic | Early Stone Age people followed food sources and travelled. |
| Skara Brae | A stone-built Neolithic settlement in Scotland. |
| Hunter gatherers | People who found food from their local environment and then moved from site to site depending on the season. |

The period of prehistory in Britain generally refers to the time before written records began. It begins when the earliest hunter-gatherers came to Britain from Europe around 450,000 BC

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Early Stone Age Man was a hunter-gatherer, travelling around following food sources, setting up camps. Some lived in caves, although not many as this was dangerous. Scientists believe they had fires but used naturally occurring fire to bring to a campfire (e.g. a lightning strike) rather than making one by themselves. By the time it was the Neolithic Age, people stopped travelling and settled, becoming farmers and domesticating sheep, cattle and pigs. They learned how to soften leather to make warm, comfortable clothes and they used wool from sheep to spin, thread and weave into clothes. They built homes from wooden planks and covered it with wattle and daub. The roof was thatched using reeds. During this period, they also made clay pots for cooking, serving food and storing water.

13,000BC



People make cave paintings.

4,500-3,500BC



Farming starts and begins to spread.

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Palaeolithic to 10,000 BC

Mesolithic to 4000 BC

Neolithic to 2300 BC

