

Year Two History

The Stone Age



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Lesson 1: What was The Stone Age?

Glossary	
The Stone Age	the time in history where weapons and tools were made out of stone
archaeologist	someone who digs in the ground to find clues about the past
prehistory	a period in history before official written records.
artefact	an object made by a human. Usually these objects are interesting to historians because they give them information about how people used to live in the past.
fragment	a small piece of a larger object

The Stone Age took place at a time in history called 'prehistory'. This means at a time when there were no written records. It is called the Stone Age because stone was used to make tools and weapons for hunting, cooking and building shelters. The Stone Age is split into three parts: the Palaeolithic era, the Mesolithic Era and the Neolithic era.

Which times in History do you know?



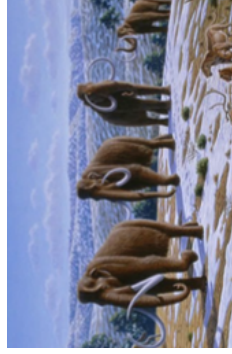
Apart from the dinosaurs, all of these came after the Stone Age. You might say that we are learning the very beginning of History!

The Stone Age

66 - 252 million years ago
The Mesozoic Era
 Dinosaurs in Britain



2.6 million years ago:
The Ice Age
 Reindeer, bears and woolly mammoths walk the land.



800,000 BC
The Palaeolithic era
 The start of the Stone Age as the first humans settle.



10,000 BC
The Mesolithic Era
 End of the Ice Age



3,000 BC
The Neolithic Era
 Settlements expand. Stonehenge and Skara Brae are built



2,100 BC
The Bronze Age
 End of the Stone Age. People learn to make bronze weapons and tools.

Let's see if you can put the eras in the right order. Number the boxes 1 to 5:

The Ice Age

Start of the Bronze Age

Start of the Stone Age

The Mezozoic Era

The Neolithic Era

What question would you like to ask to a person from the Stone Age?

