

## History Stone Age—Iron Age: How did life change from the stone age to the iron age?

**3,000,000 BC—3,000 BC**

**Stone Age**

**3,000 BC—1,300 BC**

**Bronze Age**

**1,300—900 BC**

**Iron Age**

### Key Vocabulary

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| <b>bronze</b>          | A metal made from a mixture of copper and tin. It is a much harder and more long-lasting material than stone. |
| <b>iron</b>            | A metal that is stronger and harder than bronze.  |
| <b>prehistoric</b>     | Before written records began.   |
| <b>smelt</b>           | To melt in order to separate different metals.  |
| <b>hunter-gatherer</b> | A person who moves from place to place in search of food.   |
| <b>hillfort</b>        | Iron age homes found on high ground to make it easier to defend.  |
| <b>wattle and daub</b> | The building material of a house made from sticks and clay, straw or manure.                                  |

### Stone Age

The Stone Age was a period of time when humans used stone to make tools and weapons. In order to survive, people had to hunt food, gather water and make shelter. It covers a huge period of time .

#### Housing

In the early Stone Age, Humans were hunter-gatherers and constantly on the move in order to stay safe and warm.

#### Land

Later in the Stone Age, farming developed and villages were built.

#### Tools

Humans used simple stone tools with sharp edges.

### Bronze Age

During the Bronze Age, people developed technology to make bronze.

#### Housing

Buildings were made from timber, with walls of wattle and daub where 6-10 people would live together.

#### Land

Farming was a big part of life. People moved to valleys where it was easier to grow food.

#### Tools

Daggers, spears, chisels, axes and armour could all now be made out of bronze which was harder and more durable than stone.

### Iron Age

During the Iron Age, technology developed further. People began to make tools and weapons from iron— it was stronger than bronze and easier to work with.

#### Houses

Roundhouses were very large, often housing lots of people living together. There would be a fire in the centre and Beds were made from hay mattresses and animal skin.

#### Land

People lived in farming communities in hillforts. Crops such as barley, oats and wheat were grown. Cows, pigs, goats and sheep were farmed for milk, meat and wool.

#### Tools

Iron was used to make weapons, tools and cooking equipment. It was also used to make improved farming equipment, making peoples lives much easier.