











Prehistoric Britain: Stone Age to Iron Age

Timeline											
The Stone Age			The Bronze Age			The Iron Age					
2.5 million years ago			2300 BC			800 BC					
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Palaeolithic			Mesolithic			Neolithic					
13,000 BC		4500-3500 BC		2300 BC	1800 BC	1200-800 BC	800-700 BC	700-500 BC	100 BC		
 People make cave paintings.		 Farming starts and begins to spread.		 The first pottery is made and used.	 Metal starts to be used.	 The first copper mines are dug.	 Metal tools are made and used.	 The first hill forts are made.	 Iron is used a lot more than before.	 Coins are made and used for the first time.	 The Romans invade Britain - Iron Age ends.

Key Vocabulary

agriculture	The growing and harvesting of crops and raising animals for food.
archaeology	The study of things people made, used and left behind.
archaeologist	Scientists who study archaeology
barrows	Mounds of earth and stones raised over a grave or graves.
flint	A type of stone that can be shaped into blades for hunting.
prehistory	The time in the past before writing was used to record events.
settlements	A place where a group of people meet together in many buildings.
tribe	A group of people that live together for protection.
artefact	An object made by a human.
Era/period	A length of time covering many years

1. BC and AD

B.C. means Before Christ.

A date such as 3000BC means 3000 years before the year 1 AD (**there was no year zero**)

A.D. – means Anno Domini in Latin which stands for ‘in the year of our lord’. A date such as 2019 AD means 2019 years after Jesus is believed to have been born.

Stone Age – When the first humans began to live in Europe. They used stones as tools.

Iron Age - Humans now used iron to make tools, and farmed land instead of hunting. They lived in communities.

Bronze Age - In this era, metals were used to make hunting tools. Humans also began to farm land.

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