Name & Surname: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Stone Age to Iron Age

How Britain changed over time

About 30 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Stone to Iron

Prehistory is the time before people could write things down. In Britain it goes from **stone** tools to **bronze** tools and then to iron tools.

- Stone Age: people moved from place to place to hunt. Around 4,000 BC they began to farm and keep animals.
- Bronze Age from about 2,300 BC: people got metal from rocks and made stronger tools.
- Iron Age from about 800 BC: people used iron, lived in tribes and built hillforts. It ended in AD 43.



Task A

Give two tools from long ago, then one nobody else will think of. Say how you know it fits.

Give a tool from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age

An example

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Now another

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Now one nobody else will think of!

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How do you know they all fit?

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Fill the Gaps

Use the right words for each age.

Key words

prehistory: time before writing

bronze: metal made from rocks

tribe: group of families

nomadic: moving to find food

iron: strong metal for tools

hillfort: safe home on a hill

Task B

Example done for you

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Fill each gap with a word from the box. Box: nomads, farm, bronze, iron, hillforts. Show how life changed.

farm | hillforts | iron | ~~nomads~~ | bronze

Early Stone Age people were nomads who moved to find food. Later people learned to _____ and keep animals. In the Bronze Age tools were made of _____. In the Iron Age tools were made of _____ and people built _____ to stay safe.

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Pick Your Favourites

Choose the objects you like best.

☆ Task C

Name each picture. Circle your top 3 finds. Ask friends for theirs and find the most popular.

 stone axe	 flint arrow	 cave painting	 wheat seeds
 sheep	 bronze sword	 gold cup	 iron hammer

Which got the most votes in your group?

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Why Things Changed

Link causes to effects and build sentences.

Task D

Farming changed everything. Link each cause to its effect.

Causes		Effects
people learn to grow wheat		they stay in one village
	people stop moving and start farming	

Task E

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Pick one box from each column to make a true sentence. Write three sentences.

Stone Age people	used	stone tools for hunting
Bronze Age people	made	bronze tools for trading
Iron Age people	built	hillforts to stay safe
		your own idea

Write three sentences

Stone Age people used stone tools for hunting.

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Stone Bronze Iron

Compare the ages and talk it over.

Task F

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Write the missing words to compare each age.

Age	Tool material	Home and life
Stone Age		move to find food
Bronze Age	bronze	
	iron	live in tribes in hillforts

Task 6

Chat with your partner. No writing needed.

- When was it best to live - Stone Age, Bronze Age or **Iron Age**? Why?
- What would an **archaeologist** find from our classroom in 3,000 years?

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can order the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

I can say how tools, homes and food changed.

I can compare life in each age.

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Answer sheet: Stone Age to Iron Age

Task A

Answers will vary, e.g. a stone axe for chopping; a bronze sword for fighting; an iron nail for building - no one else will think of it, and I know it fits because it is made of iron

Task B

Early Stone Age people were [NOMADS] who moved to find food. Later people learned to [FARM] and keep animals. In the Bronze Age tools were made of [BRONZE]. In the Iron Age tools were made of [IRON] and people built [HILLFORTS] to stay safe.

Task C

Answers will vary.

Task D

Causes: people learn to grow wheat; people learn to keep cows and sheep; people want food all year

Effects: they stay in one village; they build strong thatched houses; they store extra food

Task E

Answers will vary, e.g. Stone Age people used stone tools for hunting. Iron Age people built hillforts to stay safe.

Task F

Stone Age | stone | move to find food

Bronze Age | bronze | farm and trade

Iron Age | iron | live in tribes in hillforts

Task G

Answers will vary.

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