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Let's remind ourselves...

What does prehistoric mean?

How many sections make prehistory?

Can you name them?

What did we learn about the Stone Age last week?



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Prehistoric Times

There is a large period of time for which we have **no written records**, we call this 'prehistory'.

Starting from evidence of the first early humans, it is split into three sections.

The Stone Age – 800,000 BC

The Bronze Age – 2,100 BC

The Iron Age – 750 BC

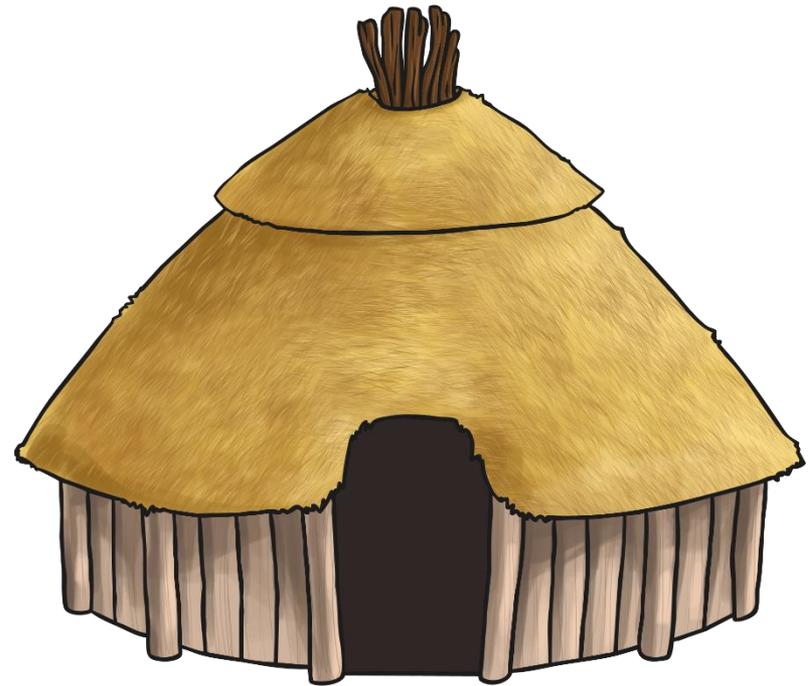
The **Bronze Age** in Britain lasted around **1500 years**.



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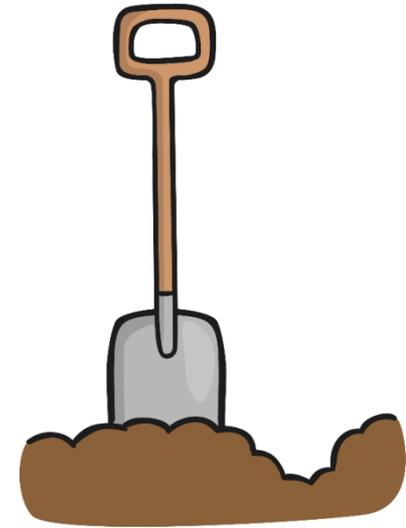
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Archaeologists are good note-takers. Let's **take** some **notes** from these videos and record facts about the Bronze Age.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH_uowNBJno

Split your page into 3 sections: how they **lived**, what they **ate** and what they **wore**.



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Why the Bronze Age?

Just like the Stone Age was so called because early humans made tools from stone, the Bronze age was called the Bronze Age because humans started **making tools from..... Bronze!**

Bronze was an **alloy** made from copper and tin.

alloy - a metal made by combining two or more metals to improve its properties.



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Why Bronze?

Copper is a soft metal, but when it is melted and added to **tin** the result (**bronze**) is a much harder and durable material than copper or stone.

It was used for **tools, weapons** and **armour** as well as building materials like **decorative tiles**.



A bronze chisel

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When was the Bronze Age Exactly?

The Bronze Age started at **different times** in **different countries**. As people travelled to other countries, the knowledge of how to mix the copper and tin to make bronze was brought with them. Not all parts of the world had copper and tin available.

Bronze was already being used in other parts of the world before it was **brought to Britain around 2100 BC**.

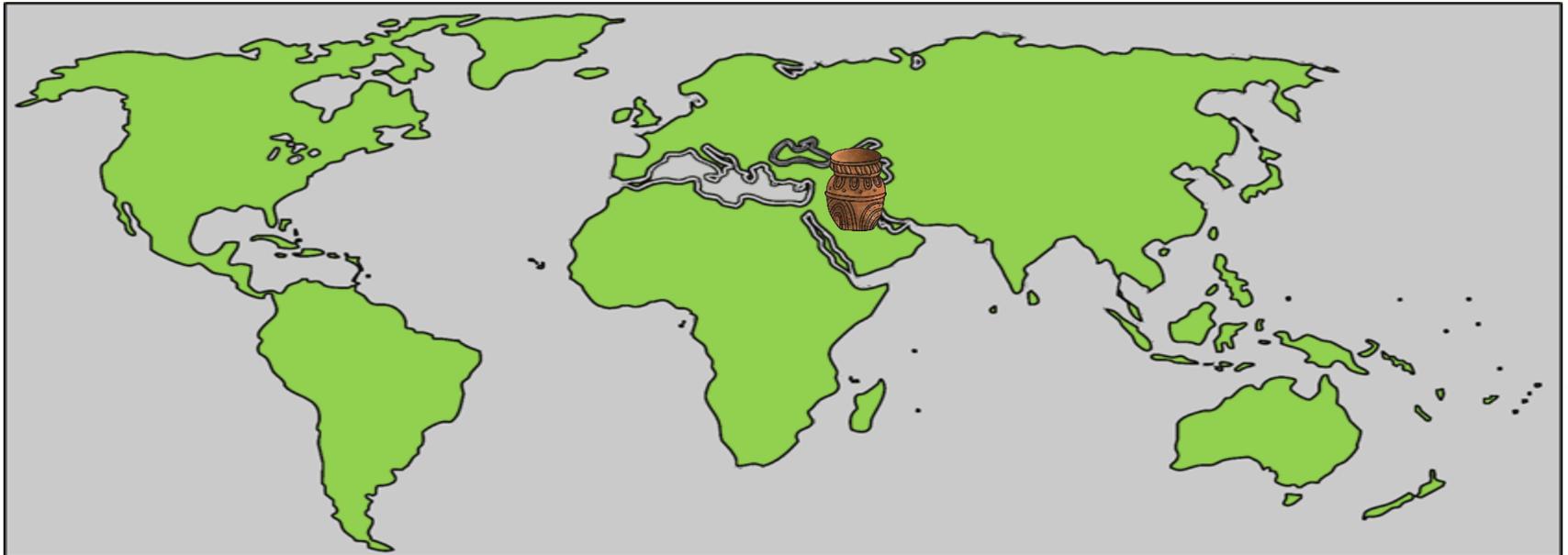


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3600-3500BC Middle East

Bronze has started to be used. Either through naturally occurring Bronze or as an alloy. **No one knows how or who invented Bronze** but by around 3500 BC, farm tools and weapons are being made of this new metal in these areas.



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3500-3100 BC Eastern Europe and Mediterranean

Bronze has started to be used in Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean but it is still difficult and expensive to make.



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2500-2300BC India and China

Bronze has started to be used in India and China.



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2100 BC Britain

Bronze has landed in **Britain**.

It is used to make **weapons, tools** and even **hairbrushes**.



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Artefacts

Daggers, blades, spearheads, chisels, axes and anything that used to be made from stone or flint was then **made from the stronger and more durable bronze.**

As a result, woodworking techniques improved with the better quality tools available.



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Weather

The weather in Britain had become **warmer and drier** at the **end of the Stone Age**.

The Bronze age saw another change in climate. The wetter weather forced people to **move** from the hills, which were easier to defend, and into the **valleys** where it was **easier to grow food** and find **shelter**.

The spread of farming meant the end of **large burial** sites as the fields were needed for **animals to graze**, and large areas of **woodland** started to be **cut down** to make more land available for **farming**.



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The Beaker Culture

There was more immigration to Britain during the Bronze Age.

Some of the new arrivals were the '**Bell Beaker people**'.

They have been named after the distinctive **bell-shaped pottery** they made, mainly used for drinking from.

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The pottery was decorated with bands that had impressions in them made by a **comb or a cord pressed into the clay**. The pots were also **used to smelt copper, store food and as urns**.

An intricate item of pottery would be a display of **wealth and status**.



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The Beaker Culture

It is possible that bronze was first brought over to Britain by **the Bell Beaker folk.**

The Beaker Culture also includes types of **weapon, jewellery and other ornaments** that were new to Britain.

They integrated well with the people already living in Britain, and even made **improvements to Stonehenge.**



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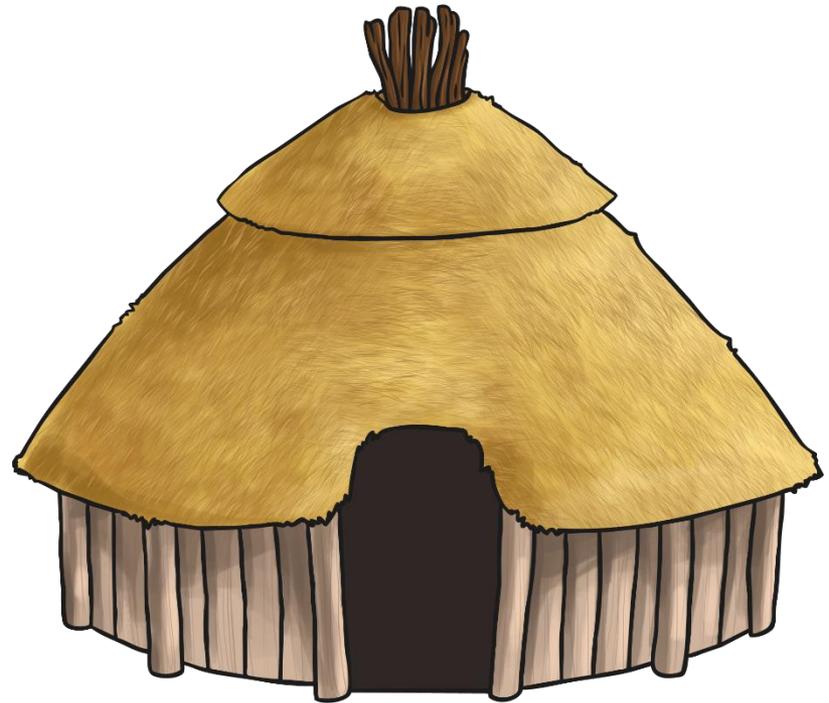
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What type of houses did they live in?

In the Bronze Age, people **no longer used one dwelling** for everything.

A farming household might have consisted of **two houses**.

A **main house** would be used **to live** in and an **out-house** used for **cooking and textile production**.



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What clothes did they wear?

By the Bronze Age wool was being woven into sheets of fabric and used to make clothes.

Women

- long woollen skirts
- short tunics.

Men

- knee-length wrap-around skirts, or kilt-like woollens
- tunics
- cloaks
- one-piece garments
- round woollen hats.



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Your Task

1. A bold, clear and neat title.
2. Facts about the Bronze Age written clearly and neatly.
3. All pictures coloured in neatly.
4. Beautiful presentation.
5. Use Topic Specific words spelt correctly (Word Mat on next slide).

Imagine you are showing this picture to somebody that has never heard about the Bronze Age. What could you teach them?

Think about:

When the Bronze Age started.

What tools they used.

What clothes they wore.

Where they lived.

The Bronze Age Word Mat

tin copper cloak tunic skirt

woollen weapons jewellery tools

weather pottery

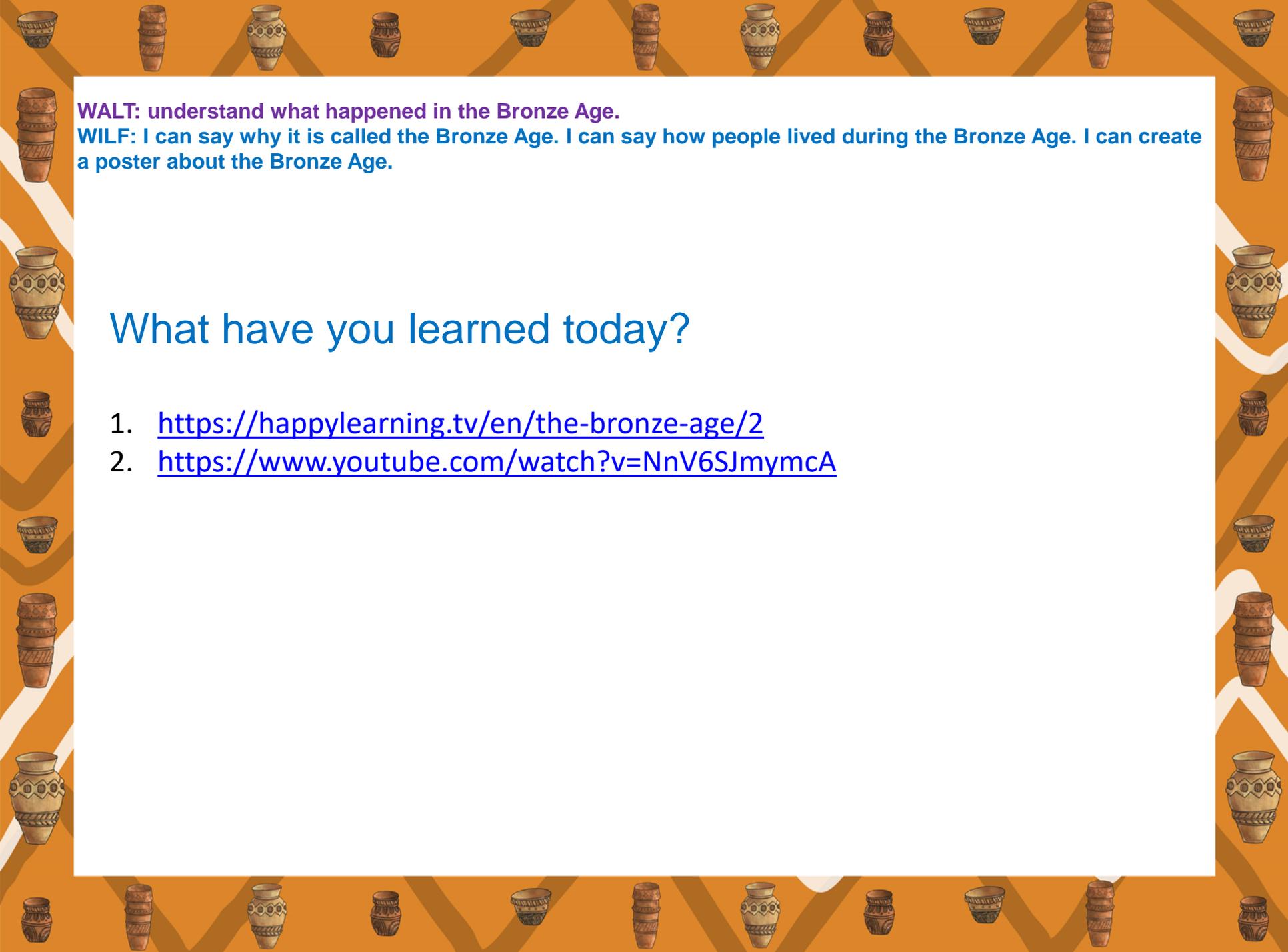
Stonehenge

main house

grow farming

food

cooking



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What have you learned today?

1. <https://happylearning.tv/en/the-bronze-age/2>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnV6SJmymcA>