

Vocabulary

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| Archaeologist | Person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them |
| Artefact | An object made by a human being |
| Monument | Something built to remember an important person or event |
| Site | An area of ground where a town, building or monument is built. |
| Preserve | To keep something in good condition |
| Tribes | A group of people that live together for protection. |
| Flint | A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting. |
| Settlement | A place where a group of people live together in many buildings |
| Homo Sapiens | The type of human species today. |
| Agriculture | The practice of farming and growing crops (plants.) |
| Era / Period | A length of time covering many years |
| Hill Fort | A settlement surrounded by a stone barrier to protect it. |

Stone Age

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Stone Age cave painting



Stone Age artists created paintings mostly consisting of black or red pigments. The reds were made with iron oxides (rust) and charcoal to create the black. These pigments were usually mixed with water or animal fat to create a paint like liquid which was then applied to walls using their fingers or animal hair.

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 2018 AD means 2018 years after Jesus is believed to have been born.

Periods of Time

The term **lithic** comes from the Ancient Greek word for stone or rock.

Paleolithic period - The Old Stone Age lasted from the first use of stones until the end of the



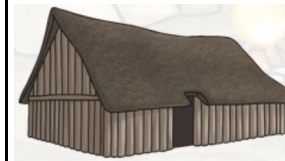
Caves were used to shelter from the ice.

Mesolithic period - The Middle Stone Age started from the end of the last ice age until the start of farming.

During this period, conical like tents or teepees were made with timber poles, covered in animal skins.



Neolithic period - The New Stone Age lasted from the start of farming until the first use of



Rectangular structures were built with timber and wattle and daub.

Important Places

Skara Brae is an archaeological site in Orkney, Scotland. It is a Stone Age village with 8 houses made of stone. There is only one room in each house. It is famous because it has been well preserved and has taught us a lot about life in the Stone Age.