History Lesson

Year 3

26.1.21

Objective: To analyse artifacts left behind by Stone Age People

How do we know about the Stone Age?

Archaeologists find Stone Age objects in the ground, or look at Stone Age monuments and buildings to find out about what life was like then.

Think about:

What will have rotted away?
What won't have rotted away?

Archaeologists at work

What is archaeology?

What is an artifact?

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology: The study of past societies through the examination of artifacts.

ARTIFACTS

Artifacts are anything that people modify or use. They can include:

Tools and Weapons

Art and Sculpture

Pottery

Jewelry

Human Remains

Ancient Ruins

How do we know about the Stone Age?

What are these Stone Age artifacts made from?

Answers on the next slide.

How do we know about the Stone Age?

Stone

Pottery

Bone and animal teeth

Antler

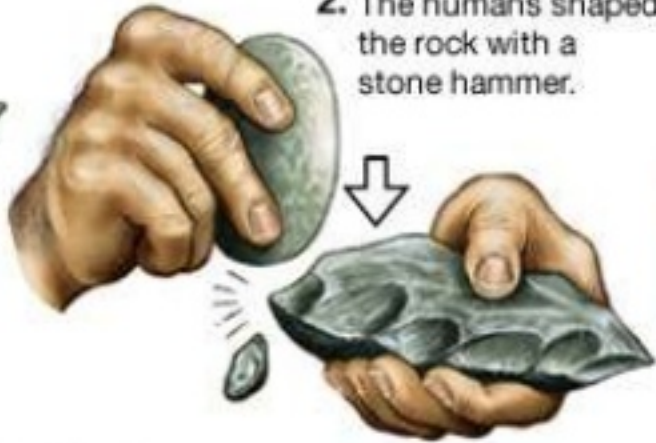What are these Stone Age artifacts made from?

How Stone Tools Were Made

How Stone Age Humans Made Hand Axes

1. The process started with a large piece of rock.

2. The humans shaped the rock with a stone hammer.

3. Using a hammer made of wood, stone, or antler they sharpened the edge.

4. They trimmed the edge by prying off tiny flakes with a pointed stick.

Finished hand ax

front view

side view

Watch this video

Click on the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryMJ3c1gHuw

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Task 1:

These are photos of tools used by Neolithic Stone Age people.
Unfortunately the labels have been mixed up.
Sort them out by drawing a line from each label to the correct object.
(If you can't print out this sheet, try drawing the objects.)

Mystery Object
The object has been photographed from an unusual angle.
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Unscramble the letters to make its name. Try drawing it yourself from a different angle.
What do you think it was used for?

Flint Awl with a very sharp point
Used for making holes in leather

Antler Hammer
Used for chipping pieces of flint

Flint Knife
With an edge like a saw for cutting

Flint Arrowhead
For hunting and fighting

Hammer Stone
Used for breaking up large lumps of flint

Flint Scraper
Used for cleaning animal skins

Answers on the next slide – No peeking!

Answers:

Mystery Object Answer:
This is an antler and flint stone axe.

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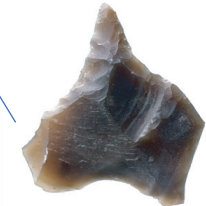Used for making holes in leather

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Task 2: Stone Age Artifact Investigation:

Research a stone age artifact on the internet or copy one from this powerpoint.

Drawing of a Stone Age Artifact

How this object was used:

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Age of object:

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Description of object:

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How this object was made:

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