






Stone - History

The Stone Age covers a huge period of time, over 3 million years!

Key Knowledge	World Events
<p>Paleolithic Era (Old Stone Age) 2.5 million years ago - 8800 BC</p> <p>Climate Change</p> <p>The earliest humans, <i>Homo habilis</i>, lived. They used simple stone tools and developed into <i>Homo Sapiens</i>. The end of this era was the <i>Ice Age</i>.</p>	<p>15000 BC <i>Cave paintings</i> of wild horses <i>Lascaux</i>, SW France</p> 
<p>Mesolithic Era (Middle Stone Age) 8800 BC – 4500 BC</p> <p>Hunter Gatherers</p> <p>As the climate warmed the Ice sheets began to melt the landscape changed. People led a <i>Nomadic</i> life as <i>Hunter Gatherers</i> in order to survive. Tools changed and weapons such as bows and arrows were made.</p> 	<p>5300 BC Farming and pottery in central Europe.</p>
<p>Neolithic Era (New Stone Age) 4500 BC – 2500 BC</p> <p>Early Farmers</p> <p>During the Neolithic period there was a transition from nomadic hunter gathering towards small scale farming. Animals such as sheep and goats were domesticated and crops including spelt were grown. Stones would have been used to grind flour. People started to create pottery and textiles.</p> 	<p>3200 BC Indus people developed their own writing system. 2560 BC The Great Pyramid of Giza is completed. 1323 BC Tutankhamun dies.</p>

Key Vocabulary
<i>Hominid</i> – The family of mankind and his or her relatives
<i>Homo habilis</i> – The earliest version of man who lived approximately 2.1 million years ago.
<i>Homo sapien</i> – the modern version of man that was first discovered approximately 300,000 years ago.
<i>Lucy</i> – the earliest hominid skeleton found.
<i>Hunter-Gatherer</i> – A person who meets their needs by hunting animals and gathering plants.
<i>Nomad</i> – A person who has no fixed home and moves around from place to place.
<i>Flint</i> – A type of stone used to make tools and weapons.
<i>Flaking</i> – A process of shaping stone by chipping pieces off the edges
<i>BC</i> – Stands for ‘before Christ’ and is used for years before the estimated birth of Jesus.
<i>Ice age</i> – a period of time when the world covered by sheets of ice
<i>Prehistoric</i> – a time before written records existed.
<i>Lascaux</i> – The place in France where the first cave painting were found.
<i>Round house</i> - circular dwellings that are made of wooden or stone posts - filled in with wattle-and-daub (a mixture of twigs, earth and clay), and a thatched roof.

Timeline		
Stone Age	Iron Age	Bronze Age
This is the era when the first humans began to live in Europe. They used stones as tools.	-This is when humans began to use iron to make tools, and farmed land instead of hunting. Humans began to live in communities -	During this era, metals were used to make hunting tools. Humans also began to farm land.

