

Life in the Bronze Age with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent the characteristics of a Bronze Age settlement, including roundhouses, metalworking, and farming.

Follow the drawing prompt below to create your own Bronze Age scene. Use the labels from the word bank to identify the important features of your drawing.

Draw: Draw a Bronze Age scene in the centre of your page. Start by drawing a large circular roundhouse with a thatched roof made of straw. Outside the house, draw a small stone hearth with a fire. Add a person holding a bronze axe, and include some livestock like sheep or cows nearby. In the background, sketch the outline of a hillfort on a gentle slope. Use a simple, clear style, similar to an archaeological reconstruction illustration.



Label words: Roundhouse · Thatch roof · Bronze axe · Hillfort · Stone hearth · Livestock

Steps:

1. Why do you think Bronze Age people chose to build their homes in a circular shape? Write one reason.
2. Label your drawing to show where the 'Thatch roof' and the 'Stone hearth' are located.
3. What two metals were mixed together to create bronze?
4. Draw an arrow pointing to the 'Bronze axe' in your picture and explain why it was better than a stone tool.
5. List two types of livestock that Bronze Age farmers might have kept near their roundhouses.