

Life in the Iron Age: A Report by Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To write an informative report about daily life in a British Iron Age hillfort.

Use this writing frame to help Ellie describe what life was like for people living in the Iron Age. Remember to use your best handwriting and include facts you have learned about roundhouses, hillforts, and farming.

The Iron Age was a fascinating period in British history that began around 800 BC, marking a time when people started using iron to create stronger tools and weapons.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · however · fortified · settlement · iron tools · subsistence farming · roundhouses · hillforts · on the other hand

1. Introduction: What was the Iron Age and why is it called that? Start by saying: The Iron Age is known for... (2 marks)

2. Housing: What did a typical Iron Age roundhouse look like? Use these words to help: walls, thatched roof, central hearth. Start by saying: People lived in roundhouses which were... (3 marks)

3. Hillforts: Why did people build hillforts? Describe how they protected their families. Start by saying: To stay safe from invaders, the people built large hillforts by... (3 marks)

4. Farming and Food: What did people eat and how did they grow their food? Start by saying: Farming was very important in the Iron Age because... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise what life was like for a child during this time. Start by saying: In conclusion, life in the Iron Age was... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an Iron Age trader. Write a short diary entry describing one item you are going to swap for a new iron axe. What is the value of your item in ancient trade?