

Life in the Stone Age: A Historical Report

Learning objective: To write an informative report about how people lived during the Stone Age, using historical vocabulary and clear structure.

Use the prompts below to build your report. Ellie the Elephant suggests using your best historical adjectives and ensuring your facts are organised into logical paragraphs.

The Stone Age was a vast period of human history, beginning millions of years ago when early humans first started using stone to create simple tools.

Word bank: Palaeolithic · Neolithic · hunter-gatherers · settlements · flint tools · furthermore · consequently · in contrast · survive · significant

1. Introduction: What was the Stone Age and when did it take place? Start with: The Stone Age is divided into three main periods, which are... (2 marks)

2. Daily Life: How did people find food? Start with: During the early Stone Age, humans were nomadic hunter-gatherers who... (2 marks)

3. Tools and Technology: What materials did they use and why? Start with: To survive in the wild, people developed clever tools made from... (2 marks)

4. Settlements: How did life change in the Neolithic period? Start with: As time progressed, humans began to settle in one place because... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why is the Stone Age important to our history? Start with: In conclusion, the Stone Age was a time of great change because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just discovered a Stone Age site. Write a short diary entry describing one item you found and what it tells us about the person who owned it.