

Discovering the Bronze Age with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To describe the changes in daily life during the Bronze Age, including the use of new materials and the development of farming.

Ellie the Elephant has been digging through history! Use this writing frame to help you describe what life was like for people living in Britain during the Bronze Age. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow.

As the sun rose over the rolling hills of ancient Britain, a Bronze Age farmer prepared for a busy day of working with new, stronger materials.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · for example · however · on the other hand · bronze tools · settlements · trade routes · craftsmanship

1. The Innovation of Bronze: Describe how people made bronze and why it was better than the stone tools used in the previous era. Start your paragraph with: 'The introduction of bronze changed daily life because...' (2 marks)

2. Daily Life and Farming: Explain how farming methods improved during this time. You could mention crop growing or animal herding. Start your paragraph with: 'During the Bronze Age, farmers began to...' (2 marks)

3. Settlements and Homes: What did Bronze Age houses look like and where were they built? Start your paragraph with: 'People in the Bronze Age lived in settlements that were often...' (2 marks)

4. Trade and Travel: How did people get materials they did not have locally? Start your paragraph with: 'Trade became very important, as people travelled to exchange...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why the Bronze Age is considered a significant time in history. Start your paragraph with: 'In conclusion, the Bronze Age was a time of great progress because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Bronze Age craftsperson. Write a short diary entry describing how you made your first bronze axe. What did it feel like to use a tool that was so much sharper than stone?