

Ellie's Bronze Age Discovery Trail

Learning objective: To understand the changes and daily life of humans during the Bronze Age, specifically focusing on materials, settlement, and tools.

Ellie the elephant has been digging through history! She has found a list of items and facts from the Bronze Age. Sort the items below into the correct category: 'New to the Bronze Age' or 'Kept from the Stone Age'. Then, answer the questions to help Ellie complete her historical journal.

Word bank: Bronze axes · Stone tools · Farming · Metal jewellery · Roundhouses · Pottery

1. Sort these into two groups: Bronze axes, Stone tools, Farming, Metal jewellery, Roundhouses, Pottery. Which of these materials was the biggest discovery of this era? (3 marks)

2. Explain why the discovery of bronze was more useful than using stone for making tools. (2 marks)

3. Ellie found a bronze necklace that cost 5 bronze coins to trade for. If she had 15 coins, how many necklaces could she buy? Show your working out. (2 marks)

4. Describe one way that farming in the Bronze Age made life easier for families compared to being hunter-gatherers. (2 marks)

5. True or False: Bronze Age people lived in large cities made of brick. Explain your answer using your knowledge of Bronze Age settlements. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Bronze Age roundhouse. Include a thatched roof and a small area outside for farming. Label the materials you think they might have used to build it.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Bronze Age trader. Write a short poem about the journey you took to trade your bronze goods at a neighboring settlement.