

The Brilliant Bronze Age: A New Era of Discovery

Step into the past with Ellie the Elephant: Discover how metal changed the world forever!

- Why was the discovery of how to mix copper and tin considered a major turning point in human history?
- How did the development of bronze tools help farmers clear land and grow more crops to feed their growing settlements?
- In what ways did the social structure of Bronze Age communities change as people began to trade metals and goods across long distances?
- Why would Bronze Age people choose to build their hillforts on high ground rather than on the flat plains?
- How does the burial of precious bronze items in 'hoards' help modern historians understand the beliefs and values of Bronze Age people?

Did you know? Did you know? Bronze is a clever mixture! By melting copper and tin together, early metalworkers created a brand new, much stronger material called bronze. This invention was so important that it helped people create sharper tools, sturdier weapons, and beautiful jewellery that lasted for generations.

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