

Life in the Stone Age: An Explorer's Guide

Learning objective: To write an informative report on how people lived during the Stone Age, using historical vocabulary and structured paragraphs.

Use this writing frame to help you organise your research. Think about the three main periods: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow.

Thousands of years ago, before the invention of metal tools, humans lived in a period we now call the Stone Age.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition to · archaeologists believe · during this era · significant · primitive · settlement · nomadic · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Briefly explain what the Stone Age was and why it is named after stone. Start with: 'The Stone Age was a vast period of human history when...' (2 marks)

2. Daily Survival: Describe how people gathered food and hunted animals. Consider how these methods changed over time. Start with: 'During the early Stone Age, people were nomadic hunters who...' (3 marks)

3. Tools and Technology: Explain the importance of flint and how it was used to create tools. Start with: 'A vital part of survival was the creation of tools made from...' (3 marks)

4. Shelter and Settlement: Contrast the temporary homes of early groups with the permanent settlements of the Neolithic period. Start with: 'As time progressed, the way people lived in shelters changed significantly because...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why the Stone Age was an important foundation for the future of human civilisation. Start with: 'In conclusion, the Stone Age was a time of great development because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant travelling back in time. Write a short diary entry describing one item you found in a Neolithic settlement and why it was so useful to the people living there.