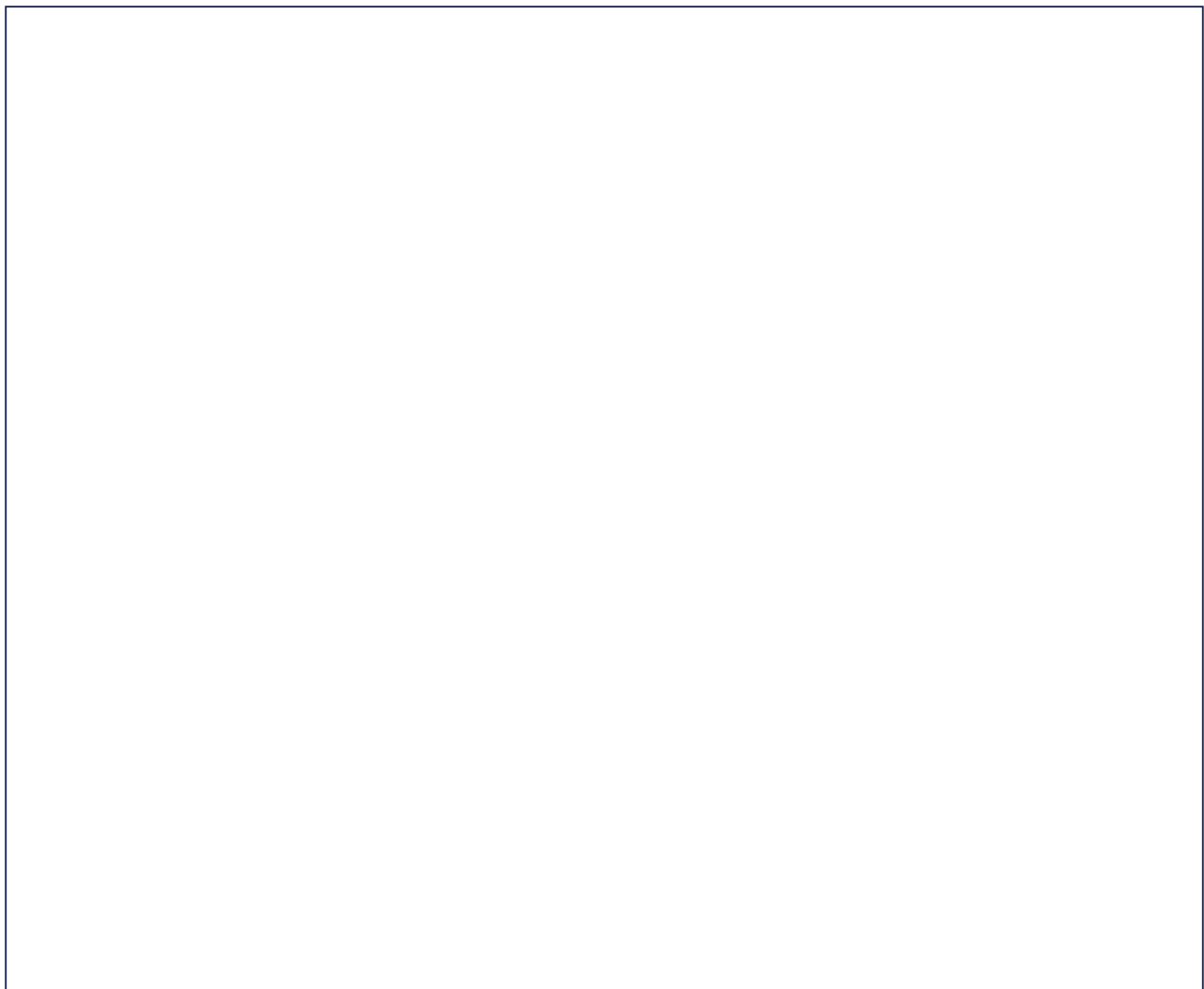


Ellie's Bronze Age Settlement Sketchbook

Learning objective: To understand the structure and daily life of a Bronze Age roundhouse settlement.

Follow the steps below to illustrate a Bronze Age village. Use the word bank to label your detailed drawing, ensuring you show how the materials were used to construct their homes.

Draw: Create a detailed, historical-style sketch of a Bronze Age settlement. Use a natural, earthy colour palette. Include one large roundhouse with a woven wattle and daub wall texture and a thick straw thatch roof. In the foreground, show a small workbench with a bronze axe and a sickle. In the background, add a small fenced area for livestock and a rounded hill (a barrow). Use cross-hatching to show the texture of the wooden posts.



Label words: Roundhouse · Thatch roof · Wattle and daub · Stone hearth · Bronze sickle · Round barrow · Animal enclosure

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large circular roundhouse in the centre of your page. Label the 'thatch roof' and the 'wattle and daub' walls.
2. Step 2: Draw a small bronze sickle resting near the entrance of the house. Why was this tool an improvement over Stone Age flint tools?
3. Step 3: Label the 'stone hearth' inside the house. Explain why this was the most important feature for a

Bronze Age family.

4. Step 4: Draw a 'round barrow' in the distance. What does this structure tell us about how Bronze Age people honoured their ancestors?
5. Compare and contrast: How does the construction of a Bronze Age roundhouse differ from a modern-day house? Think about materials and shape.
6. Justify your answer: If you were living in the Bronze Age, why would living in a settlement with an 'animal enclosure' be more beneficial than being a nomadic hunter-gatherer?