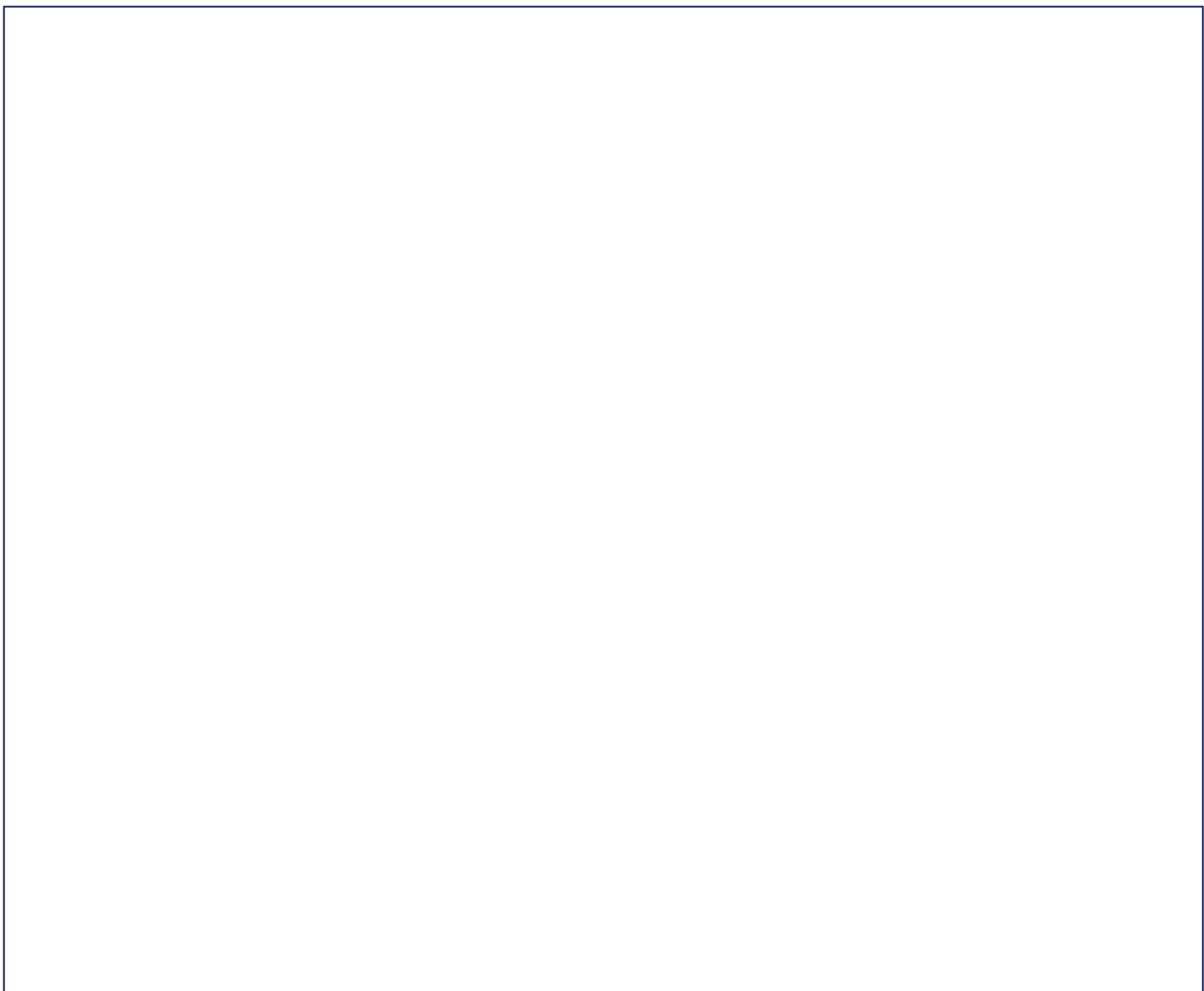


Life in the Bronze Age: An Illustrated Guide

Learning objective: To understand the key features of a Bronze Age settlement, including roundhouses, metalworking, and farming practices.

Use your historical knowledge of the Bronze Age to complete the drawing below. Use the word bank to add labels to your artwork, ensuring you show how people lived and worked during this period.

Draw: Create a detailed scene of a Bronze Age settlement. Include a roundhouse with a conical thatched roof made of straw or reeds. The walls should look textured to represent 'wattle and daub' (woven sticks covered in mud/clay). In the foreground, draw a workshop area with a small furnace glowing orange. Include a person holding a bronze axe. Use a natural, earthy colour palette (browns, greens, and ochres) to reflect the landscape of the period.



Label words: Roundhouse · Thatch roof · Bronze axe · Smelting furnace · Flint tool · Hillfort · Wattle and daub

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large circular roundhouse. Label the 'thatch roof' and the 'wattle and daub' walls.
2. Step 2: Draw a small area outside the house where a smith is working. Add a 'smelting furnace' and a 'bronze axe'.
3. Step 3: Why did Bronze Age people prefer metal tools over stone tools? Give one reason.

4. Step 4: Label the defensive feature surrounding the settlement, such as a 'hillfort' or 'ditch'.
5. Step 5: Briefly explain what 'wattle and daub' means in your own words.