

Life in the Iron Age: A Journey with Ellie

Step back in time to the Iron Age—where history comes alive!

- Why did Iron Age people build their homes, called roundhouses, with circular walls and thatched roofs?
- How did the invention of iron smelting change the way people farmed and defended their settlements compared to the Bronze Age?
- What strategic advantages were gained by building large hillforts on high ground or steep slopes?
- In what ways did the development of organised tribes and social hierarchies shape daily life in Britain?
- How did Iron Age communities use the natural environment to source materials for clothing, food, and shelter?

Did you know? Did you know? Iron Age people did not use coins for a long time. Instead, they often traded using iron bars shaped like sword blades or even cattle to barter for the goods they needed!

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