

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 organized 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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