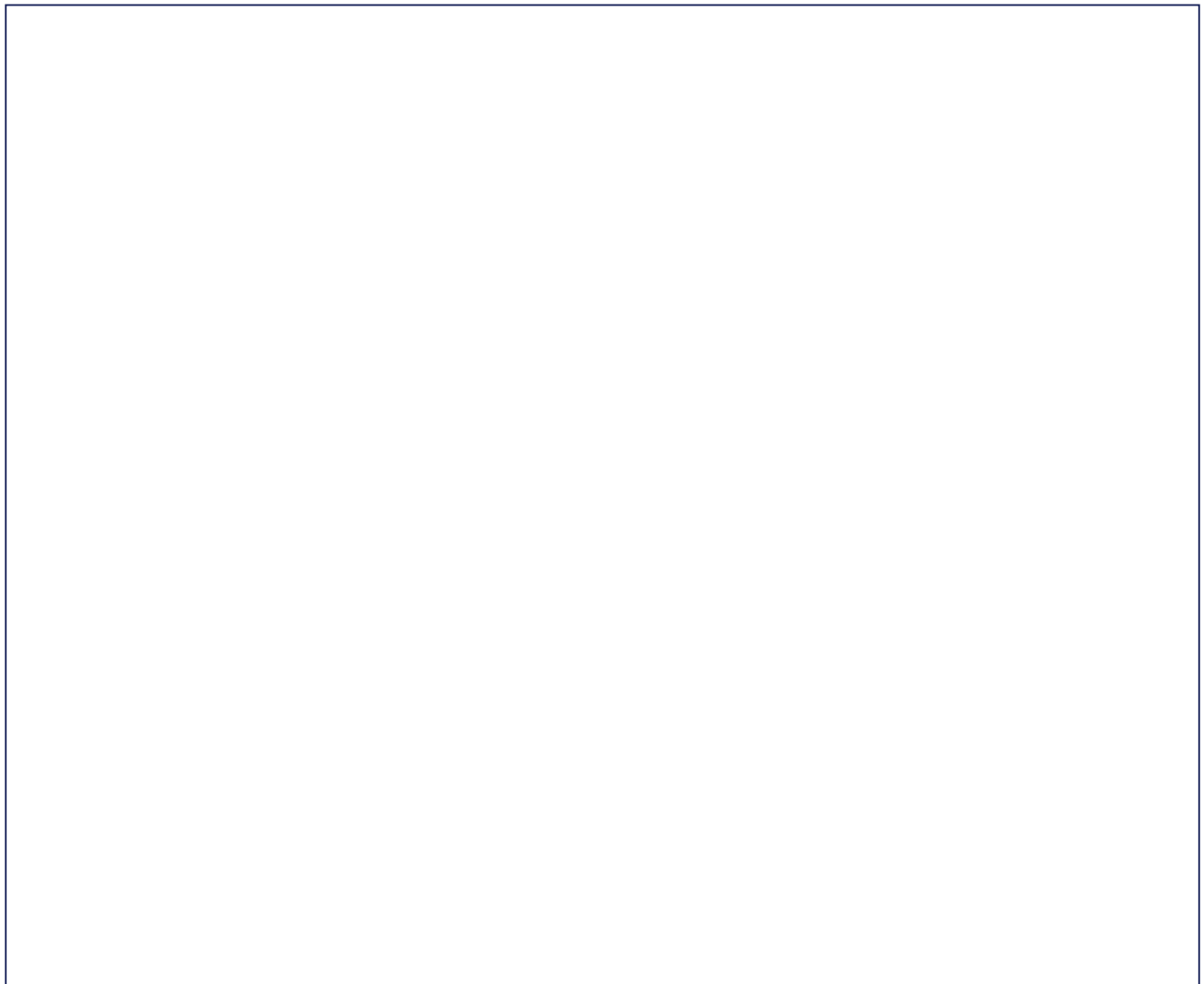


Architects of the Bronze Age: A Historical Reconstruction

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent the structural features, societal advancements, and daily life of a Bronze Age settlement in Britain.

Use your knowledge of the Bronze Age to create a detailed historical scene. Refer to the word bank to label key features of your illustration. Ensure your drawing reflects the shift from nomadic living to permanent, circular settlements.

Draw: Create a detailed landscape scene showing a Bronze Age settlement. The style should be a labelled historical reconstruction. Include a cluster of circular houses with conical thatched roofs, a defensive ditch surrounding the area, and a central area for metalworking. Use cross-hatching to show the texture of the wattle walls and thatched roofing. Ensure the scene includes a small field for crops and a person holding a bronze tool.



Label words: Roundhouse · Thatch · Wattle and daub · Bronze sickle · Hillfort · Central hearth · Smelting furnace · Communal enclosure

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, circular dwelling. Label the 'wattle and daub' walls and the 'thatch' roof.

2. Step 2: Illustrate a 'smelting furnace' near the edge of the settlement. Explain why this location was practical for the community.
3. Step 3: Compare and contrast a Bronze Age roundhouse with a modern-day house. What are the key differences in construction materials?
4. Step 4: Justify why Bronze Age people chose to build 'hillforts'. What might happen if they did not have these defensive structures?
5. Step 5: Label the 'bronze sickle' in the hands of a farmer. Why was this tool an improvement over stone-based agriculture?
6. Step 6: Explain why the discovery of bronze changed the way people traded with neighbouring settlements.