

Ellie's Bronze Age Expedition: A Year 5 History Quiz

Learning objective: To consolidate knowledge of Bronze Age technological advancements, social structures, and daily life in Britain.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey back in time! Use your historical knowledge to answer these 10 questions. Remember, Bronze Age people were innovators who changed the way Britain looked forever.

Answer Key: 1. (C) Copper and tin. 2. False. 3. Smelting. 4. (B) Roundhouses. 5. True. 6. Hillfort. 7. (D) To mark important graves. 8. Trade. 9. (A) It was a major technological leap from stone tools. 10. True. Greater Depth: Encourage pupils to articulate the shift from communal to hierarchical living and the significance of metalwork in establishing social status.

Word bank: Alloy · Smelting · Beaker · Hillfort · Bronze · Trade · Roundhouse · Burial · Mining · Agriculture

1. 1. What two metals are melted together to create the alloy known as bronze? A) Iron and Gold B) Copper and Lead C) Copper and Tin* D) Tin and Silver (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Bronze Age people lived in rectangular houses made of brick. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the process of extracting metal from ore by heating it to high temperatures called? (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the most common shape of a house during the Bronze Age? A) Square B) Roundhouse* C) Triangular D) Hexagonal (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Bronze Age people participated in long-distance trade to obtain materials not found locally. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the term for a fortified settlement built on high ground, often used for defence and status? (1 mark)

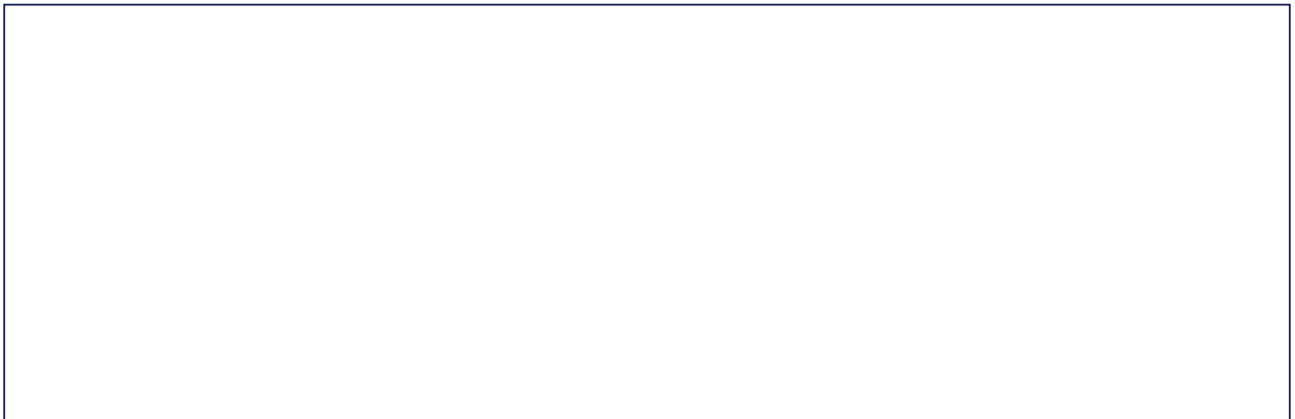
7. 7. Why were large mounds of earth, known as barrows, constructed? A) To store grain B) To keep animals C) As watchtowers D) To mark important graves* (1 mark)

8. 8. If a village had surplus crops, what could they do with them to acquire metal tools from other regions? (One word) (1 mark)

9. 9. Why was the discovery of bronze so significant? A) It was stronger and more durable than stone* B) It was lighter to carry C) It was found everywhere in Britain D) It was cheaper to produce (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Farming became more efficient in the Bronze Age due to the invention of better metal tools like sickles. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a cross-section of a Bronze Age roundhouse. Include a central hearth, sleeping areas with animal skins, and a thatched roof. Label three items that might be made of bronze.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the shift from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age is considered a 'revolution' in human history. 2. Compare and contrast the daily life of a Bronze Age farmer with that of a modern British child. 3. Justify your answer: Was the invention of bronze more important for war or for farming? 4. What might happen if a Bronze Age community could not find a source of tin for their metalwork? 5. If you were a Bronze Age chieftain, how would you use your metal wealth to show power? 6. Design a fictional trade route map showing how goods might travel across the sea to Britain.