

Life in the Iron Age: Ellie's Historical Discovery

Step into the past with Ellie the Elephant: Discover the secrets of our Iron Age ancestors!

- Why were hillforts, such as Maiden Castle, built in elevated positions with multiple defensive ditches?
- How did the transition from bronze to iron tools revolutionise farming practices and food production?
- In what ways did the structure of a traditional roundhouse reflect the daily lives and social organisation of Iron Age families?
- How did the use of currency, such as gold and silver coins, signify the growth of trade networks between British tribes and continental Europe?
- What does the discovery of intricate metal jewellery and patterned pottery tell us about the artistic expression of Iron Age culture?

Did you know? Did you know? Iron Age people were master blacksmiths! They discovered how to heat iron ore in hot furnaces to extract the metal, which was much stronger and more durable than the bronze used by people before them.

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