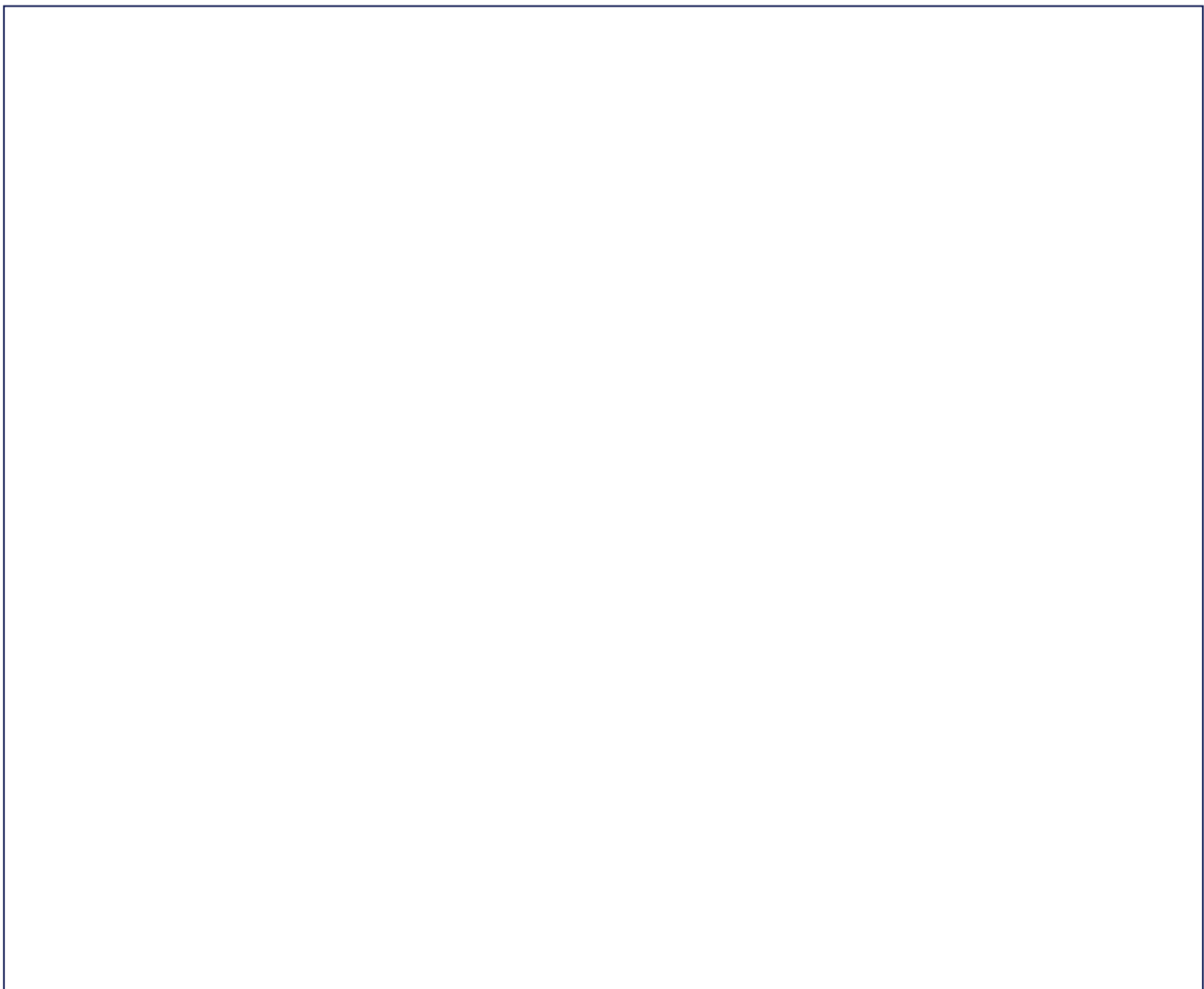


Life in the Stone Age: A Settlement Sketch

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent the characteristics of a Neolithic settlement, including housing, tools, and daily survival techniques.

Use the drawing prompt below to create a detailed scene of a Neolithic village. Once your drawing is complete, use the word bank to label the key features of your settlement. Ensure your labels are placed accurately to demonstrate your understanding of how early humans lived.

Draw: Draw a panoramic scene of a Neolithic settlement. Include at least two circular roundhouses with thatched roofs. Show the texture of the 'wattle and daub' walls (woven sticks covered in mud). In the centre, draw a communal fire (hearth) with smoke rising. Include a small fenced-in area for domesticated animals and a person holding a knapped flint tool. Use a natural, earthy colour palette to reflect the environment.



Label words: Roundhouse · Flint tool · Hearth · Thatch roof · Wattle and daub · Animal hide · Domesticated cattle

Steps:

1. Explain why the invention of 'wattle and daub' was an improvement over temporary shelters for Neolithic people.
2. Compare and contrast the lifestyle of a Palaeolithic hunter-gatherer with the Neolithic farmer you are

drawing.

3. Label three items in your drawing that would have been essential for survival during the winter months.
4. Justify your answer: Why might a Neolithic settlement be located near a river or stream?
5. What might happen if a settlement did not have a central hearth? Consider both social and practical reasons.
6. Describe the process of creating a flint tool. Why was flint the preferred material?