Ellie’s Iron Age Investigator Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of Iron Age life in Britain, including settlements, social structure, and daily survival.

Use your textbook or research materials to complete this fact-file. Ellie the elephant is helping us remember the details of this fascinating period! Write clearly and ensure you use historical vocabulary to explain how people lived between 800 BC and the Roman invasion.

Word bank: Hillfort · Roundhouse · Bronze · Iron · Celts · Trade · Subsistence · Tribes · Wattle and daub

1. Settlement Patterns: Describe the design of a typical Iron Age hillfort and explain why these locations were chosen by tribes. (3 marks)

2. Construction Materials: Explain how a roundhouse was built. What materials did the people use for the walls and the roof? (2 marks)

3. Life and Society: How was Iron Age society organised? Mention the role of the tribal leader and the importance of family units. (3 marks)

4. Technological Advances: Why was the discovery and use of iron an improvement over the previous Bronze Age tools? (2 marks)

5. Trade and Daily Life: Describe one way Iron Age people traded goods and mention two items they might have exchanged. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are living in a roundhouse. Write a short diary entry (50-70 words) describing your daily chores, such as grinding grain or repairing a fence, using at least three words from the word bank.