

# My Iron Age Settlement Field Report

*Learning objective: To describe the features of an Iron Age hillfort and understand how people lived during this period.*

Imagine you are an archaeologist working with Ellie the elephant to uncover the secrets of the Iron Age. Use your historical knowledge to fill in this report about a typical hillfort settlement.

*Word bank: roundhouse · hillfort · ramparts · ditch · iron · farming · tribes · wattle and daub*

**1. The Hillfort: Describe how the people in the Iron Age protected their homes. Think about the earthworks they built. (2 marks)**

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**2. Life in a Roundhouse: Describe the materials used to build a home and what it might have been like inside. (3 marks)**

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**3. Daily Jobs: List two jobs a person living in the Iron Age might have done to help their family survive. (2 marks)**

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**4. The Iron Age Advantage: Why was the discovery of iron such an important change for the people living then? (3 marks)**

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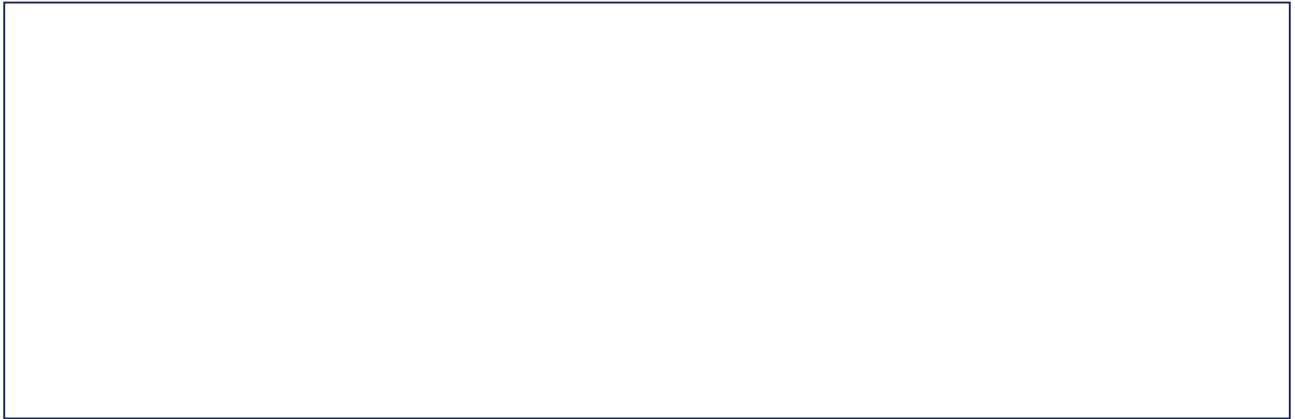
**5. Archaeological Clue: If you were digging in the ground, what is one object you might hope to find to prove people lived there? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a bird's-eye view of an Iron Age hillfort. Make sure to include the roundhouses, the surrounding ditches, and the tall wooden fences (palisades).



*Extension challenge: Research what Iron Age people ate. Write a short menu for an Iron Age feast using only ingredients that would have been available in Britain at the time.*