

The Stone Age began when the first tools were made from stone and ended with the introduction of metal tools. A lot of significant advances in technology were achieved during this period of history, including the control of fire, metalwork, agriculture and the invention of the wheel.



Settlements

Throughout the **Stone Age to Iron Age** farming was developed, at first they would hunt and eat anything and then as they moved through the time periods they learnt to plant and make weapons and this led them into farming.

Skara Brae - A stone-built Neolithic settlement, located on the Bay of Skail in the Orkney archipelago of Scotland (UK). It is the most complete Neolithic village in the whole of Europe.



Conflict

People **lived in tribes** and they were **often at war** with each other. Because of all of the wars, Iron Age people began to protect themselves by settling in **hillforts**, which were groups of **round houses and farming land protected by stone walls**.



Travel and exploration

The eras are marked by tools that began to develop as they moved from **Paleolithic (or Old Stone Age)**, **Mesolithic (or Middle Stone Age)**, and **Neolithic (or New Stone Age)**. The people developed from living in caves to living in settlements.



Location



Vocabulary:	
Historical vocabulary:	
AD (anno domini)	Used to show the year after Jesus was born
archaeologist	A person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them
circa	Latin meaning 'around'. C 4,000 BC means around 4,000 BC.
chronology	The arrangement of dates or events in the order in which they occurred.
BC (Before Christ)	A way of dating the years before Jesus. The bigger the number BC, the longer ago in history it was
migration	The movement from one place to another in order to settle
Topic related vocabulary:	
agriculture	The practise of farming and growin crops
Hunter-gatherer	The term for a person who gets their food by hunting animals and gathering plants
hillforts	Settlements built on hills so that they provided more protection
tribes	A group of people who live together for more protection

