

Key Vocabulary

hoard	A store of money or valuable objects kept somewhere secret
impressive	To have a strong impact, usually positive.
interpretation	A description or explanation of something in the past based on sources of evidence .
remains	Something left over from the past.
tribe	A group of people who are the same kind.
archaeologist	A person who studies human history by looking at what remains.
wattle and dung	A mixture of animal dung, clay and straw.

Questions

What difference did bronze make?

How does the Amesbury Archer help us to know more about the Bronze Age?

Do we agree that not much happened in the Iron Age?

Was home life much better in the Iron Age then the Bronze Age?

Do you think this was a dangerous time for people to live?

Which was more impressive- the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?

THE BRONZE AGE AND THE IRON AGE

Key Takeaways

- The move from the use of stone to bronze and then to Iron was gradual.
- We can find out about the Bronze and Iron Ages by interpreting archaeological remains.
- Burials like the Amesbury Archer are very useful for finding out how people lived and what they thought was important.
- Hill forts like Maiden Castle were built in the Iron Age.
- Hill forts were built for defence and also served as places for different tribes to meet and trade.
- Bronze was better than using stone because it was easier to shape, was stronger and could be used again.
- Iron was better than bronze because it was more common, lighter and harder.
- People began to use horses for transport in the Bronze Age.
- Sites like Butser Farm use archaeological evidence to reconstruct what life was like.
- The developments in use of materials in this period impacted on many areas, including agriculture, crafts, warfare, and so on.



Lindow Man was buried during the Iron Age in Wilmslow, Cheshire.



The Snettisham (Iron Age) hoard was found in 1948 in Norfolk.



The Amesbury Archer was buried near Stonehenge in the early Bronze Age.



Maiden Castle is Britain's largest hill fort.



Timeline

