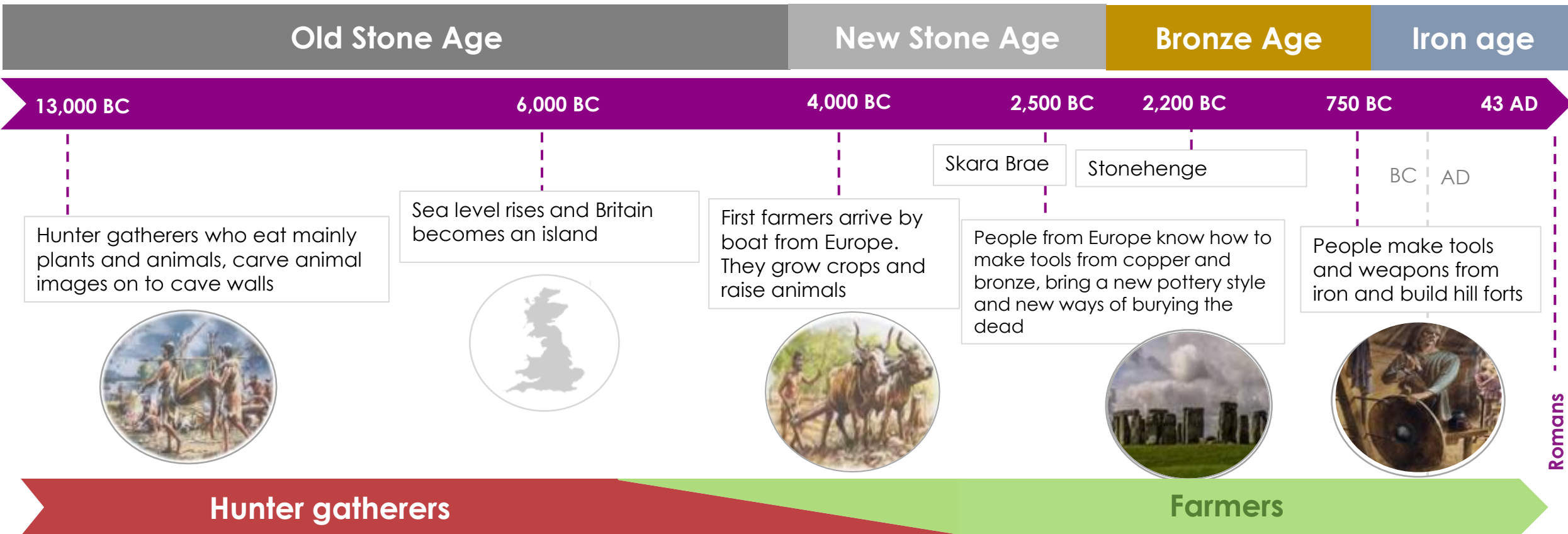


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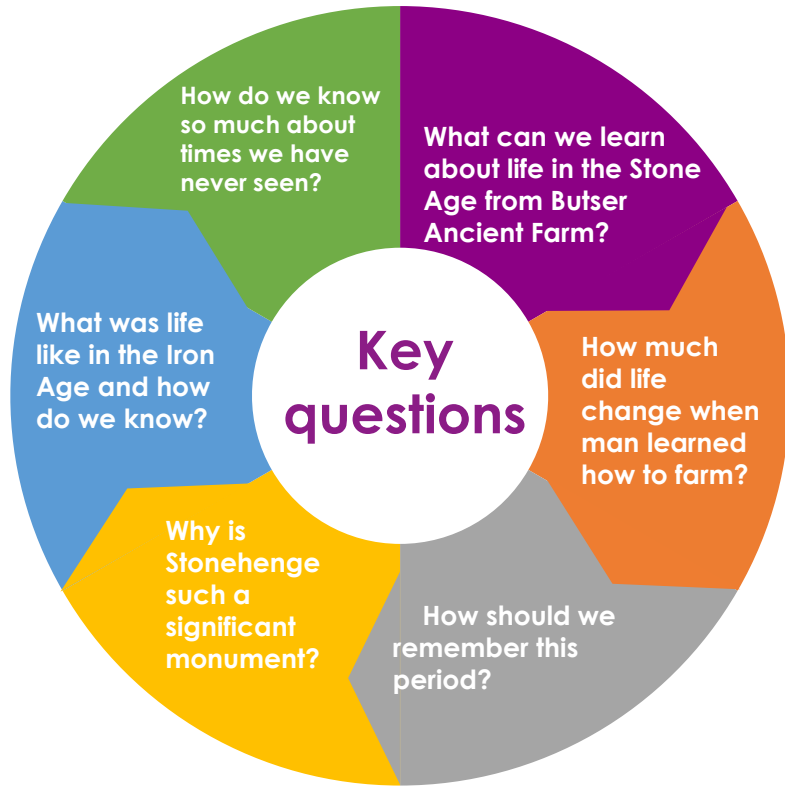


Why this period is important

The earliest known humans arrived in these lands around 900,000 years ago. During this time there were huge changes: the ice covering Britain melted; instead of hunting all the time, people learned to farm and make metal tools; they found time to worship. There is still evidence we can see around us today, such as Stonehenge, long burial mounds and hill forts which are thousands of years old. This time period, before the Romans invaded, is called prehistoric.



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Our key texts:

- The Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
- Stig of the Dump by Clive King
- DK find out! Stone Age

Key vocabulary

- **Archaeologists** - People who work out our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
- **Artefact** - An object of historical interest made by human beings.
- **B.C.** - Before Christ. A date like 250BC means 250 years before Christ was born.
- **Chronology** – The arrangement of dates or events in the order in which they occurred.
- **Flint** – A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting
- **Henge**- upright stones ditches and mounds.
- **Hunter-gatherers** - People who mainly live by hunting, fishing and gathering wild fruit.
- **Mesolithic** - Middle Stone Age.
- **Neolithic** - New Stone Age.
- **Palaeolithic**- Earliest period of the Stone Age when chipped stone tools were used.
- **Prehistoric**- The period of time before the Romans and written records.
- **Settlement** - a place where people start to live and establish a community.
- **Tribe/Tribal** group of people, often of related families, who live in the same area and share the same language, culture, and history.

Note: *Lithic* at end of word means stone

Websites



- [English Heritage](#)
- [British museum](#)

Top takeaways

Having studied this topic you should be able to:

1. Sequence in the correct order the names used by historians to describe different periods during this time.
2. Explain how we can know so much about a time that happened thousands of years ago.
3. Say what was distinctive about 3 different periods from this time e.g. Bronze Age.
4. Explain the different theories as to why Stonehenge was built.
5. Describe the ways in which life changed during the Iron Age.