



Vocabulary

Hunter-gatherer - A member of a group of people who live by hunting animals and gathering edible plants for their main food sources, and who do not keep animals or farm land.

Neolithic – The New Stone Age time period from 8500 to 4500 BC.

Settlement – A community of people living together, such as a village, town, or city.

Hill fort - A prehistoric fortification (to defend a place against attack; a fortress; a fort; a castle) constructed on a hill.



Knowledge

The earliest settlers were **hunter-gatherers** and lived in caves.

Hunter-gatherers were living alongside early farmers about 5,000 years ago.

The discovery of the **settlement** of Skara Brae was quite recent and that changed our view of early communities about 10,000 years ago.

Stonehenge was built about 5,000 years ago, in stages during the Bronze Age.

Life in an Iron Age **hill fort** community was harsh and sometimes violent. They kept domestic pets, weaved wool for clothes, lived in roundhouses and were religious people. They were a farming community, who kept sheep and cattle.



Understanding

Early in the Stone Age, the Earth was in an Ice Age so Britain was once covered in ice. This period (Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age) ended around 10,000 years ago.

The impact of farming affected life greatly, wild animals were now being tamed and the growing of crops started like wheat.

Stonehenge was one of many similar constructions from this time. It is one of the most remarkable achievements of prehistoric society. Yet why it was built is still unknown.



Useful Information



Timeline							
13,000 B.C.	4500-3500 B.C.	2300 B.C.	1800 B.C.	1200-800 B.C.	800-700 B.C.	700-500 B.C.	100 B.C.
People make cave paintings	Farming starts to begin to spread and pottery is made	Start of the Bronze Age	The first copper mines are dug	Metal tools are made and used	Start of the Iron Age / The first hill forts are made	Iron is more commonly being used	Coins are made and used for the first time / Iron Age end with Romans in 43 AD

