



Key Vocabulary:

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 pre-historic	before written records began
 alloy	a metal made by combining 2 or more metals to improve its properties
 bronze	made by melting down tin and copper and mixing them together
 clan	a group of people descending from a common ancestor
 roundhouse	a kind of dwelling with circular walls
 archaeology	the study of things that people made, used, and left behind.
 hillfort	a defended settlement built on hilltops
 warrior	a brave or experienced soldier or fighter
 Celts	the name given to people who lived in Europe during the Iron Age
 urn	a container, similar to a vase. It is often where the ashes from someone who has died are stored

Core Four:

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The Amesbury Archer An early Bronze Age man whose grave was discovered during excavations at the site of a new housing development in Amesbury near Stonehenge . The grave was uncovered in May 2002, and the man is believed to date from about 2300 BC. He is nicknamed "the Archer" because of the many arrowheads buried with him. 	The Beaker Culture 'The Bell Beaker People' Named after the distinctive bellshaped pottery they made. The beakers were mainly used for drinking from. The pottery was decorated with bands that contained impressions made by pressing a comb or cord into the clay. 	Hill Forts Built by Iron-Age Celtic tribes on hill tops and surrounded by huge mounds of soil and ditches. They were protected by wooden walls to keep enemies out. 	Bog Bodies Many of the bog bodies recovered from the iron age show signs of violent deaths. The bogs, it seemed, were reserved as dumping grounds for those who had either been brutally murdered or offered as a human sacrifice to the gods. 
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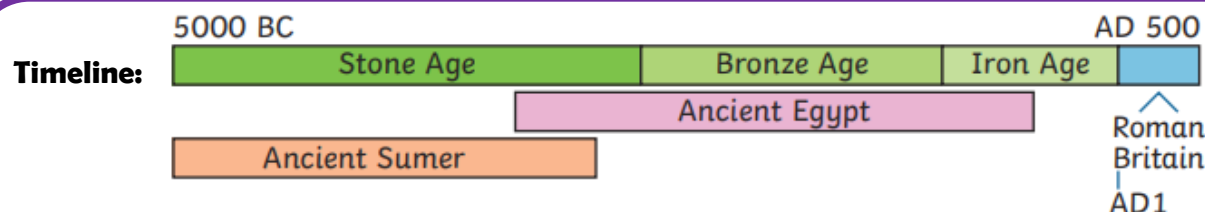
History – The Bronze Age and the Iron Age



Key facts/stats:

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- The Bronze Age began at different times in different countries, bronze was already being used in other parts of the world before it was brought to Britain around 2100BC
- The first wheel was invented during the Bronze Age and was used as a pottery wheel
- The first forms of writing started in the Bronze Age
- In the Bronze Age most people travelled by boat
- During the Iron Age, people lived in clans that were ruled by 'warrior kings'
- Life expectancy was not very long at all with the average person living only 30-40 years



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Link to previous or current units – Changes within living memory (KS1)