

# Stone Age Facts

15,000 BC to 2,500 BC

The Stone Age began 4 million years ago when the first humans lived in Africa.

The first people arrived in Britain over 700,000 years ago.

The Stone Age ended around 4000 BC when people discovered how to make copper and bronze (The Bronze Age).

Our ancestors painted on the caves of France and Spain about 30,000 years ago. We think these caves were like temples.

Modern humans (or Homo sapiens) first appeared around 300,000 years ago.

Homo habilis was an early human that lived around 2 million years ago. We think these were the first people to use stone tools.

The Orkney Islands in Scotland have the oldest stone houses that we know of. They are 5500 years old and still standing.

Cave paintings were made using charcoal, coloured stones, plants and animal gums ground down into paints.

The Stone Age is split into three parts; Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), Mesolithic (middle Stone Age) and the Neolithic (new Stone Age).

The wolf was domesticated into dogs in the Mesolithic age to help us hunt and ward off danger.

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