

# L.I.: What was the Iron Age?

Starter 1: Put the time periods below in the correct **chronological** order.

- ▶ Bronze Age. 2100BC-650BC.
- ▶ Stone Age. 3,000,000BC-2100BC.
- ▶ Iron Age. 1200BC-500BC.
- ▶ Starter 2: Match the time period with the images.
- ▶ **Challenge! Why were these names given to these time periods?**



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Success Criteria: Identify features about the Iron Age. >G1.

Success Criteria: Describe features of the Iron Age, with some comparisons to life today. G1/>G2.

Success Criteria: Explain features of the Iron Age, with clear comparisons to life today. G2/G3.

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## The Iron Age. 1200BC-500BC.

### Why is this time period known as the Iron Age?

- ▶ The people who lived in **Europe** during the **Iron Age** were often called **Celts**.
- ▶ During the Iron Age, people started to make tools and weapons from **iron** and **steel**.
- ▶ These were **cheaper** and **stronger** than the **Bronze** materials used before.
- ▶ Iron was a good material to make tools from because it could be **hammered** into shape.
- ▶ Hammering iron was known as '**smithing**'.
- ▶ Which job/skill today takes it's name from this process?
- ▶ Most people lived in **villages**, built inside **hillforts**.
- ▶ These were groups of houses on top of a hill, surrounded by **moats**, **ditches** and **wooden walls**.
- ▶ What does this suggest about life in the Iron Age?
- ▶ Use the image provided to draw an Iron Age hillfort.



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## Draw and label an Iron Age hillfort.

Use the examples to help you.



Iron Age Hill Fort

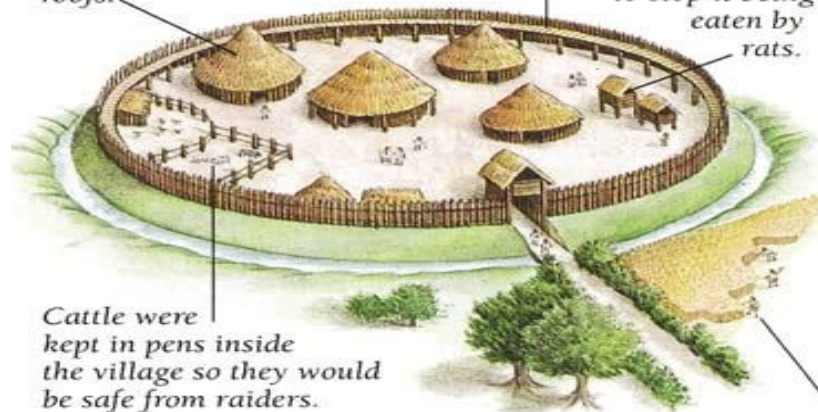


Huts were round with thatched roofs.

A palisade (fence) of strong wooden stakes protected the village.

Villagers stored their food in rooms on stilts to stop it being eaten by rats.

Cattle were kept in pens inside the village so they would be safe from raiders.



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S.C.: Identify. >G1. Describe. G1/>G2.

Use the information you have learnt to copy and complete the paragraphs describing the Iron Age.

- ▶ People who lived in Europe during the Iron Age are often called \_\_\_\_\_. During the \_\_\_\_\_, tools were commonly made from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. These were cheaper, \_\_\_\_\_ and lighter than the \_\_\_\_\_ materials used before. Iron was a good \_\_\_\_\_ to make tools from because it could be \_\_\_\_\_ into shape easily. Hammering iron was known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Most people lived in \_\_\_\_\_ built inside \_\_\_\_\_. These were surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that provided protection.

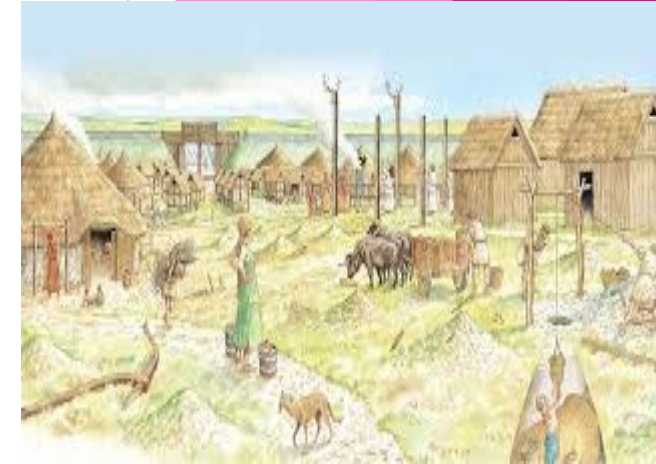
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## S.C.: Describe. G1/G2.

### How did people live in the Iron Age?

- ▶ Iron Age people **only** ate what they could **grow** or **hunt**.
- ▶ They also kept animals like **cattle**, **sheep** and **pigs**.
- ▶ Most Iron Age people were **farmers**.
- ▶ The main **crops** grown were **wheat** and **barley**.
- ▶ They also grew **vegetables** like carrots, leeks, onions, parsnips and turnips.
- ▶ **Bread** was the main food in everyone's diet.
- ▶ The **rotary quern** was invented to grind grains for flour.
- ▶ Farmers used an **iron plough** called an '**ard**' to turn over their fields and plant seeds.
- ▶ You tube link here

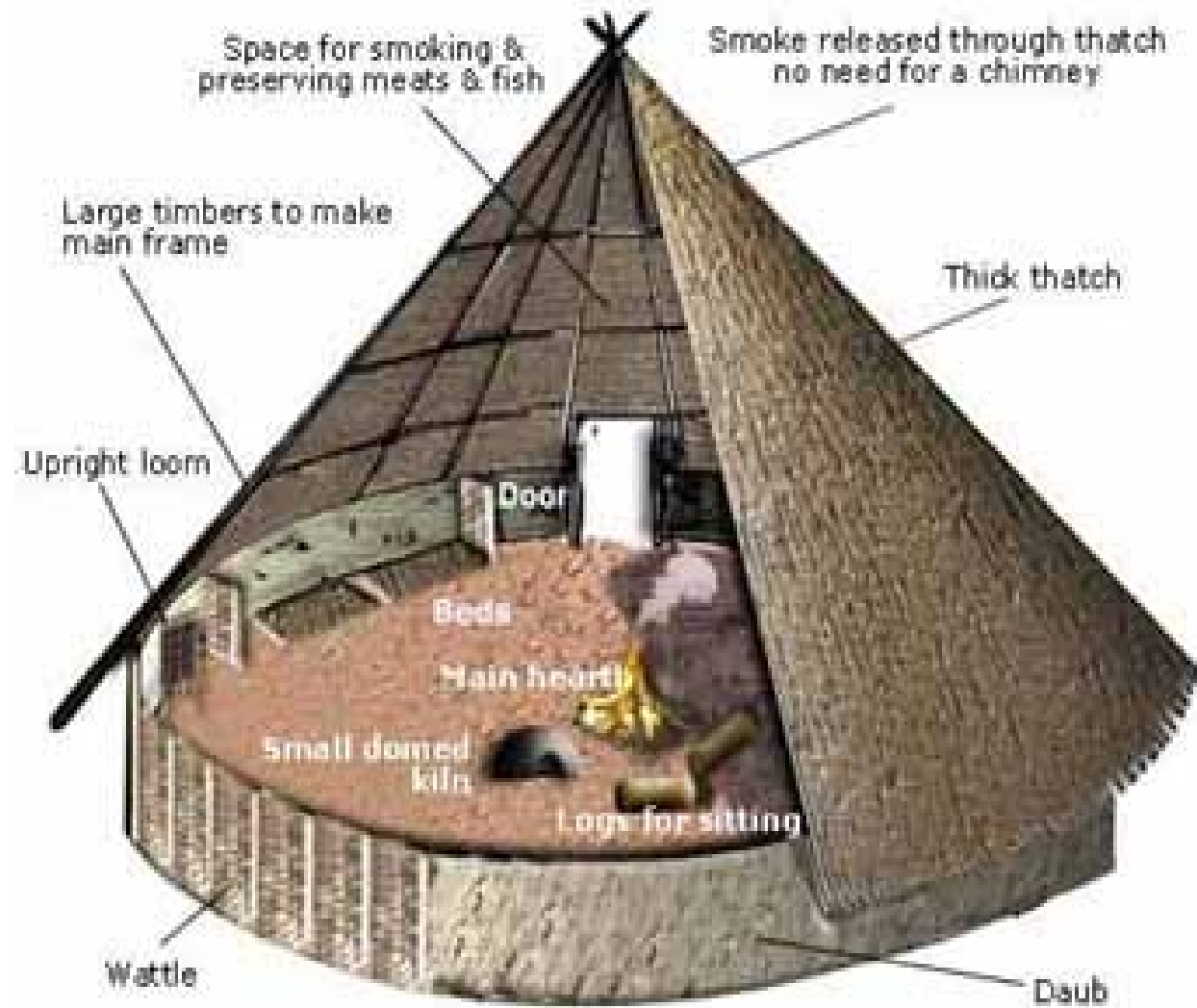


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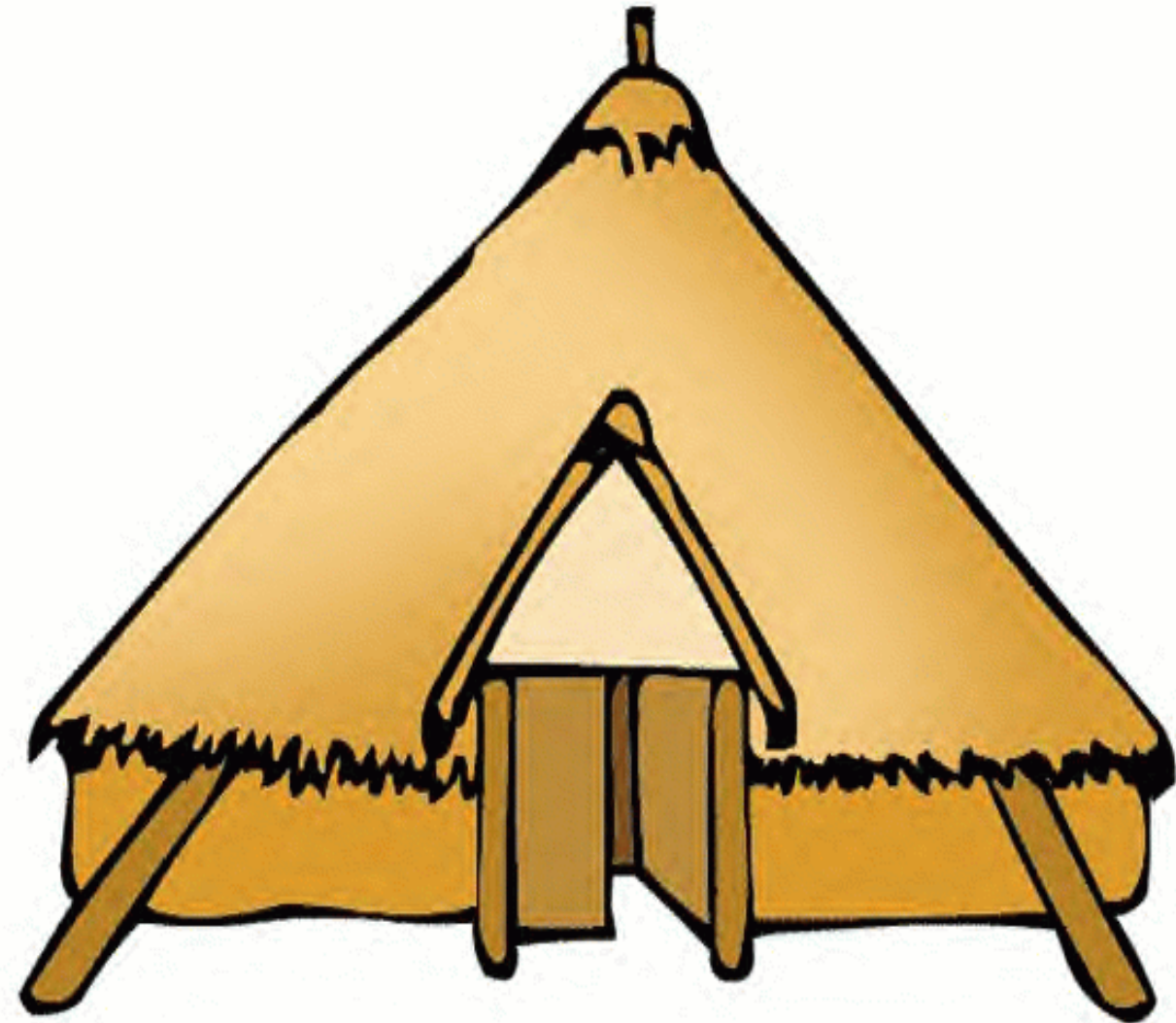
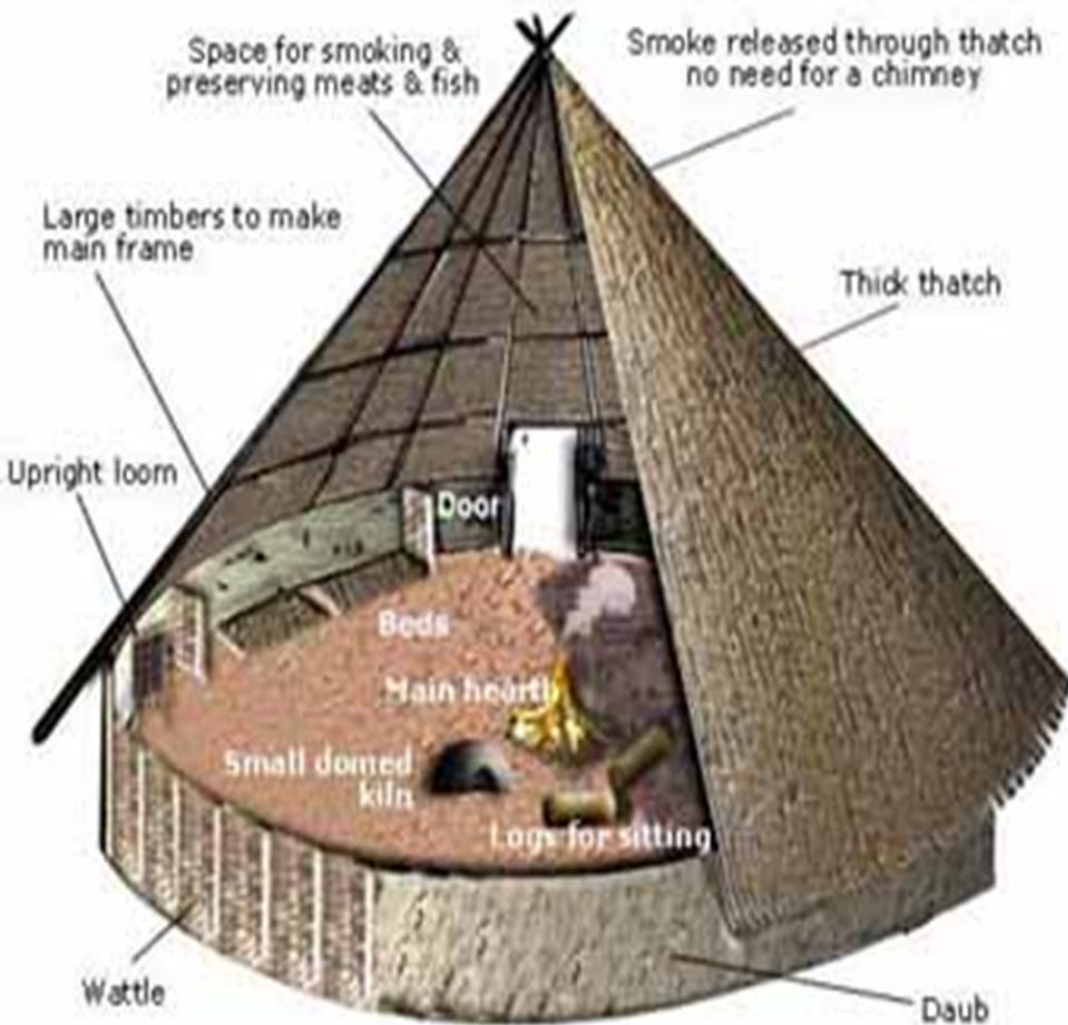
S.C.: Describe. G2. Explain. G2/>G3.

## How did people live in the Iron Age?

- ▶ Most Iron Age people lived in **homes** called **roundhouses**.
- ▶ These were **circular** in shape and only had **one** room.
- ▶ The **frame** was made from **wood**, the walls from **wattle** and **daub** (a mixture of **mud** and **twigs**).
- ▶ In the **centre** of the room was a **fire**. This was used for **cooking**, **heating** and **light**.
- ▶ Around the walls were **beds** made from **straw**.
- ▶ All items of **clothing** were made from **wool**.
- ▶ The wool could be **dyed** using three colours, **blue**, **yellow** or **red**.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ9lvVCfyN8>
- ▶ How is your life different to the people who lived in the Iron Age?
- ▶ Think about where you live, food, clothing, jobs and technology.



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Draw and label an Iron Age roundhouse.  
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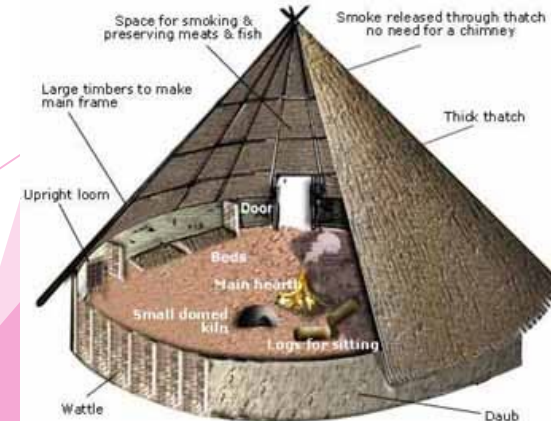


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## S.C.: Explain and compare. G3.

### What was life like in the Iron Age?

- ▶ The Iron Age is the name given to a period in history from around 1200BC- 500BC.
- ▶ It is called the Iron Age because...
- ▶ Life in the Iron Age was different to life today for a number of reasons. For example where people lived. In the Iron Age most people lived in hillforts.
- ▶ These were...
- ▶ People lived in these because...
- ▶ Also most people in the Iron Age were farmers. People had to be farmers because...
- ▶ In the Iron Age people ate...
- ▶ Homes in the Iron Age were very different to homes today. Most people lived in...
- ▶ Technology in the Iron Age was very different to technology today. For example people in the Iron Age used...
- ▶ Today life is different. For example people do not live in hillforts anymore they live in...
- ▶ Today fewer people work as farmers. This is because...



# Iron Age Vocabulary.

## Match the word with the correct meaning!

▶ Word.

▶ Smithing.

▶ Ard.

▶ Celts.

▶ Hillforts.

▶ Rotary Quern.

▶ Roundhouse.

▶ Meaning.

▶ Name given to Iron Age homes, which were generally of a circular shape.

▶ A machine that uses circular motions to grind grain to flour.

▶ The people that lived in Europe during the Iron Age.

▶ An iron plough first used in the Iron Age.

▶ To treat metal by heating, hammering and forging it.

▶ Groups of houses on top of a hill surrounded by moats, wooden walls and ditches.