

# Learning Intent: What was life like in Iron Age Britain?

Starter: Today England is part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

Name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

**Challenge. Where did the name Britain come from?**

- ▶ England.
- ▶ Scotland.
- ▶ Wales.
- ▶ Northern Ireland.
- ▶ **The Romans!**
- ▶ **They called Britain, Britannia.**



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Success Criteria: Identify features about life in Iron Age Britain. >G1/G1.

Success Criteria: Describe features about life in Iron Age Britain. >G2/G2.

Success Criteria: Explain features about life in Iron Age Britain. >G3/G3.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6rCMT0ss\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6rCMT0ss_k)



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How was the land divided up in Iron Age Britain?

Today Great Britain is divided up into 4 separate countries.

These countries are then divided up into smaller areas. What these areas called?

Which of these areas are Sheffield and Stocksbridge in?



► South Yorkshire.



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## How was the land divided up in Iron Age Britain?

Look at the map. How was the land divided up in Iron Age Britain?



- ▶ In the Iron Age, Britain was divided into **tribal kingdoms**.
- ▶ People lived in tribal (**clan**) groups.
- ▶ Each tribe (clan) was **ruled** by a **chief**, **king** or **queen**.
- ▶ Which tribe held the land around current day Sheffield and Stocksbridge?
- ▶ The Iron Age tribe which held the land in South Yorkshire were the...
- ▶ Brigantes- Means 'upland people' or 'hill dwellers'.
- ▶ Why did the Brigantes get this name?
- ▶ The Brigantes got this name because...
- ▶ Iron Age Britain was a **violent** place.
- ▶ Men and boys were trained to be **warriors**.



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## Why was Iron Age Britain a violent place to live?

The different tribes would often form **alliances** and attack other tribes.

Why would the tribes form alliances and attack other tribes?

► What is an alliance?

► An alliance is...

► The tribes in Iron Age Britain would form alliances to attack other tribes. They did this because...

► What could a tribe gain from attacking another tribe?

► Use the pictures to help you.

► Iron Age tribes attacked other tribes in order to get...

► Another reason the Iron Age tribes fought was to get...

► A further reason why Iron Age tribes fought was to get...

► Why were these things worth fighting for?

► These things were valuable to Iron Age tribes because...





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**What did most people do for a living in Iron Age Britain?**

Most people in Iron Age Britain worked in agriculture.

What is agriculture?

- ▶ **Agriculture is...**
- ▶ Iron Age farmers grew **crops**.
- ▶ The main crops were **wheat** and **barley**.
- ▶ What would these crops be used to make?
- ▶ Which device was used to grind grain?
- ▶ **The rotary quern.**
- ▶ Other crops included **peas**, **beans** and **flax**.
- ▶ Flax is a plant grown either for it's seeds (linseed) or to use the plant's stalks to make a textile from.



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What animals were kept on Iron Age farms?  
Use the pictures to help you.

- ▶ The three main animals kept on Iron Age farms were...
- ▶ Why did farmers keep these animals?
- ▶ Farmers kept pigs solely for their meat.
- ▶ Farmers kept sheep because they provided...
- ▶ Meat. Wool. Milk. Manure.
- ▶ Farmers kept cattle because they provided...
- ▶ Meat. Milk. Leather.
- ▶ Iron Age farmers also kept cattle because...
- ▶ **Challenge! Why was life tough for farmers?**





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What other jobs did people do in Iron Age Britain?

Some people worked as carpenters, metalworkers or potters.

What did these people make?

- ▶ Carpenters made tools and \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Metalworkers made tools and \_\_\_\_\_ using \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ For example metalworkers would make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Potters made \_\_\_\_\_ using \_\_\_\_\_ baked in an \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ Missing words.

- ▶ Oven. Ploughs. Furniture. Pots. Swords. Wood. Iron. Clay. Steel. Weapons.

▶ Challenge! Why were carpenters, metalworkers and potters thought to be more important than farmers?



▶ Because they had specialised skills.



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## Where did people live in Iron Age Britain?

Most people in Iron Age Britain lived in...

- ▶ There were over **2,000 hillforts** in Iron Age Britain.
- ▶ Most of the **1 million people**, who lived in Iron Age Britain either lived inside hillforts or in **small villages** close to a hillfort.
- ▶ Why did people live in or near hillforts?
- ▶ People lived in or near hillforts because...
- ▶ Peoples homes were usually...
- ▶ What were these homes made from?
- ▶ How many rooms did these homes have?
- ▶ Most roundhouses were usually about **15 metres** in **diameter**.



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What was life like in Iron Age Britain?  
Use the pictures and **your own knowledge**.

- ▶ Look at the pictures.
- ▶ What can you see in each one?
- ▶ What in the pictures **matches** your **own knowledge** about life in Iron Age Britain?
- ▶ What **don't** the pictures show you about life in Iron Age Britain?
- ▶ Example of a >G1 answer.
- ▶ Iron Age people lived in hillforts. They were farmers. They made pots. They fought against each other.
- ▶ What **doesn't** this answer do?
- ▶ How could this answer be **improved**?





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- ▶ Example of a G1 answer.
- ▶ Iron Age people lived in hillforts. They were farmers. They grew crops. They kept animals. They made pots. They made tools from wood and iron. Iron Age people fought against each other.
- ▶ Why is this answer **better** than the first one?
- ▶ How could this answer be **improved**?
- ▶ Example of part of a G2 answer.
- ▶ Most people in Iron Age Britain lived in or near hillforts. Their houses were built on hill tops and then surrounded by ditches, moats and wooden fences. Their homes were called roundhouses.
- ▶ Why is this answer G2?





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- ▶ How do we make this answer G3?
- ▶ People lived in hillforts because they provided protection. Iron Age Britain was a very violent place to live.
- ▶ What is the **key word** used in this answer?
- ▶ **Because.**
- ▶ Complete your answer to the question.

