

The Bronze Age

The Bronze Age was a fascinating period in history that began around 3,000 years BC — that means more than 5,000 years ago! It followed an earlier period called the Stone Age, when people only used stone to make their tools and weapons.

Everything changed when people discovered that by melting copper and tin together, they could create a tough new metal called bronze. This was a huge breakthrough! Bronze was far stronger and more useful than stone, and it could be shaped into all kinds of objects.

Farmers used bronze tools to plough fields and harvest crops more efficiently. Warriors carried bronze swords and shields into battle. Craftspeople made beautiful jewellery and decorative objects from bronze too.

People lived in organised settlements and villages. They traded with other communities, swapping goods like pottery, food, and metal objects. This helped different groups of people connect with one another.

In Britain, the Bronze Age lasted from around 2,500 BC to 800 BC. Famous monuments like Stonehenge were being used during this time. The Bronze Age helped lay the foundations for the civilisations that came after it.

Questions

1. Approximately how many years ago did the Bronze Age begin?
2. What period of history came before the Bronze Age?
3. Which two metals are combined to make bronze?
4. Why was bronze better than stone for making tools?
5. How did farmers benefit from bronze tools?
6. What did warriors use bronze to make?
7. What did craftspeople make from bronze besides weapons?
8. What did people trade with other communities?
9. When did the Bronze Age end in Britain?
10. Why do you think trading with other communities was important for Bronze Age people?



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