

Week 3 Monday 18th January

Archaeologists and historians have learned everything they know from digging in the ground and from cave paintings.

Look at these pictures. What do they tell you about the Stone Age.



Remember there is no right or wrong answer. Look at the pictures and record what you can see or what they make you think, this is what historians do. Is there anything in one picture that is similar in another? **WRITE DOWN AT LEAST 4 THINGS YOU CAN SEE OR THINK YOU CAN SEE.**

Ordering events on a timeline.

The earth is around 4,500,000,000 (4.5 billion) years old. We can't possibly know exactly how old, so we wouldn't know when to start counting from.

The system we use has no zero. It works forwards from 1AD (AD) and backwards from 1BC (BC).

BC stands for 'Before Christ' and AD stands for 'Anno Domini' (the year of the lord).

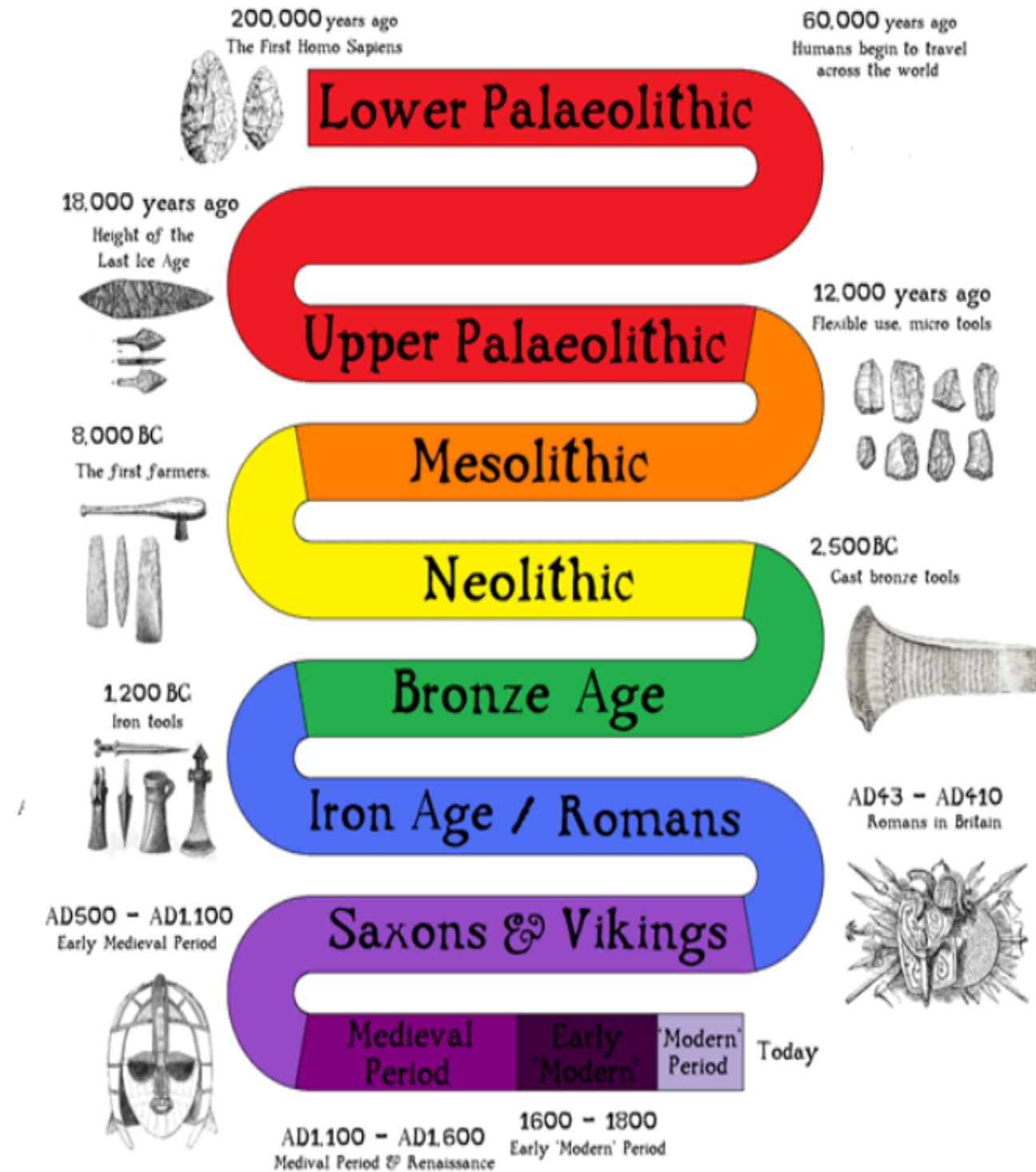
Some people use BCE and CE instead of AD and BC.

It's hard to get your head round, but our written history in Britain began only a tiny blip in time ago, courtesy of the Romans in AD43!



Significant events from Stone age to Iron age.

Our journey begins in the **Palaeolithic**, during the height of the last Ice Age and moves through a time of lush plenty, the **Mesolithic**; into an age of monuments and farming, the **Neolithic** and beyond to the time of Stonehenge, the **Bronze Age**.



13,000BC



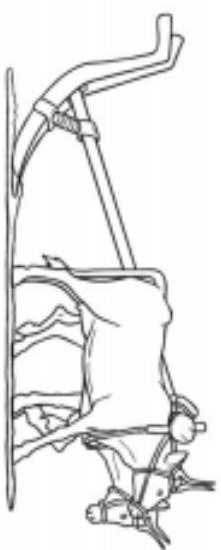
In Spain early humans paint pictures in caves

800-700BC



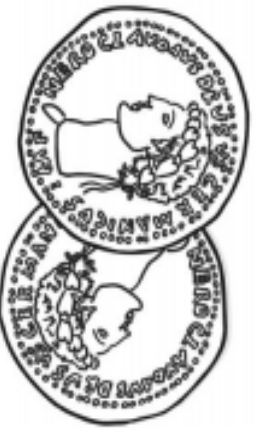
The first hill forts are made.

4,500-3,500BC



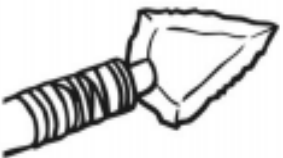
Farming starts and begins to spread.

100BC



Coins are made and used for the first time.

2,500BC



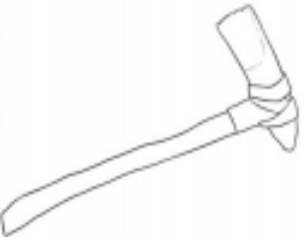
Metal starts to be used.

1,800BC



The first copper mines are dug.

1,200-800BC



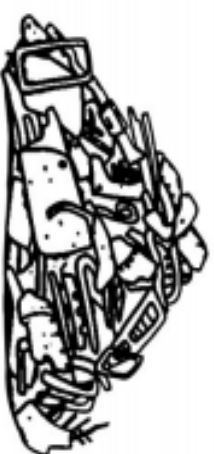
Metal tools are made and used.

1,200-800BC



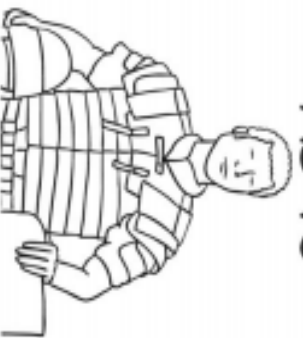
Tribal Kingdoms and celtic culture.

700-500BC



Iron is used a lot more than before.

AD43



The Romans invade Britain - Iron Age ends.

4,500-3,500BC



Pottery is made in China.

4,000-3,000BC



People start to ride and use horses.

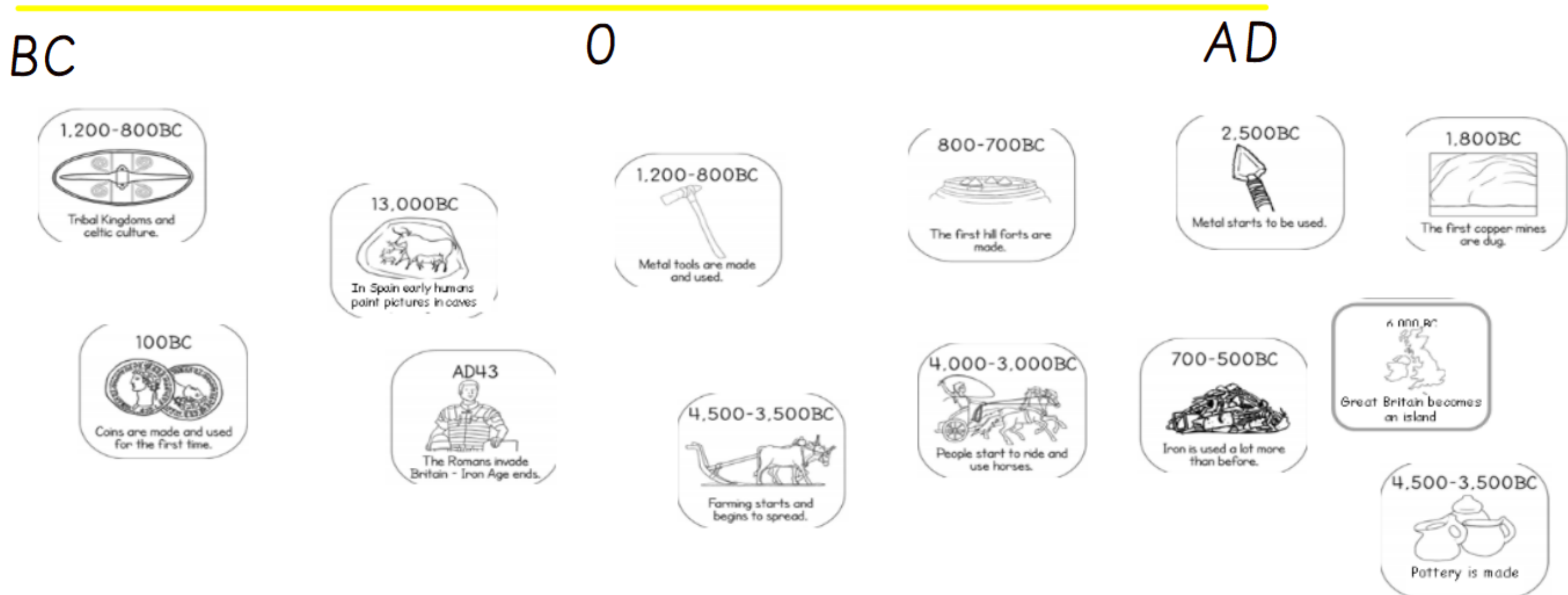
6,000 BC



Great Britain becomes an island

Stone age to iron age

Order the events between the stone age to iron age on a timeline.



Remember BC means before Christ and the bigger the number, the longer ago it was.

Use the key events on the next two pages to create your own Stone Age timeline. The easiest way is to cut out and order the events on a timeline. If you cannot print out the events try writing the events in a list.

40,000 BC

Early humans
paint
pictures in caves in
Spain.



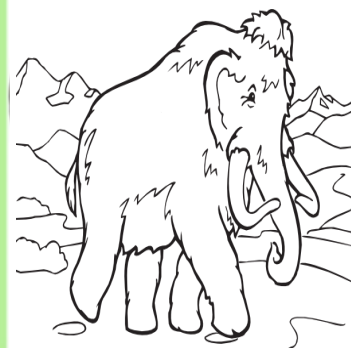
7,000 BC

Pottery is made in
China.



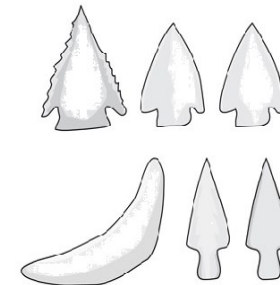
12,000 BC

The last woolly
mammoth in
Britain dies.



650,000 BC

Early humans
started to use
hand axes.



1,600,000 BC



Early humans
hunted using
spears.

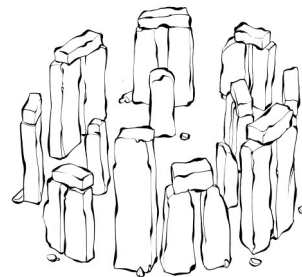
2,000,000 BC

First early humans.



3,000 BC

Stonehenge is
started.



6,000 BC

Great Britain
becomes an island.

