

## Prehistory in the UK- summary

	TOOLS	SETTLEMENTS	MONUMENTS
<p>Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age) 800,000 BC Early humans reach Britain. They live here between ice ages</p>	Stone tools	No settlements. People moved around hunting animals and gathering food	No monuments
<p>Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) 10,000 BC The last ice age ends 6 000 BC Britain becomes an island</p>	Stone tools	Temporary campsites for hunter-gatherers.	No monuments
<p>Neolithic (New Stone Age) 4,000 BC</p>	<p>Stone tools First evidence for pottery</p>	Small settlements and farms	First evidence for monuments such as henges and long barrows (burial mounds)
<p>Bronze Age 2,200 BC</p>	<p>Stone tools are still used but bronze is introduced for tools and weapons and gold used for jewellery</p>	Settlements of roundhouses built	Round barrows (burial mounds)
<p>Iron Age 750 BC</p>	<p>Iron used for tools. Gold and other metals are used for jewellery. The first coins are used</p>	Bigger settlements of roundhouses are built	Hillforts
<p>Romans AD 43</p>	Metal used for lots of different things	Military sites (marching camps and forts) earlier on, villas later	Temples- often dedicated to the god Mithras

