

SOCIAL STUDIES · GRADE 3

Stone Age vs Iron Age

What changed?

Compare the two eras

	Stone Age	Iron Age
When (rough)	c.10,000 – 2,500 BCE	c.1,200 BCE – 500 CE
Tools	Flint, bone, wood	Iron, bronze, wood
Homes	Caves, then round huts	Round houses inside hill forts
Food	Hunter-gatherers, then farmers	Farmers — crops and animals
Society	Small family groups	Tribes led by warrior chiefs
Beliefs	Burial mounds, stone circles	Spirits, gods, offerings

Discussion

1. Which two changes do you think made the biggest difference to people's lives?
2. Why do you think hill forts became more common in the Iron Age?
3. Which era would you have preferred to live in? Why?

