

## LIFE IN PREHISTORY (U. 8)

AGE	ECONOMIC LIFE		SOCIAL LIFE	TECHNOLOGY	ART
<b>PALAEOLITHIC AGE</b> (5 million years ago – 11,000 years ago)	Nomadic	Hunting: mammoth, bear, elephant, deer, bison Fishing: ✓ trout, salmon (rivers) ✓ mussels, cockles (sea) Gathering: ✓ Fruits: apples, pears, berries ✓ Nuts: walnuts, hazelnuts, chestnuts ✓ Tubers: turnips, carrots, onions	✓ Tribes ✓ Housing: caves or cabins (made with tree branches and animal skins) ✓ Rites & beliefs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supernatural forces</li> <li>• Burials</li> </ul>	✓ Tools & weapons made of stone, wood and animal bones: harpoons, needles, spears ✓ Clothing: animal skins ✓ Discovery of fire	Cave art (Altamira, Lascaux)
<b>NEOLITHIC AGE</b> (11,000 years ago – 7,000 years ago)	Sedentary	Agriculture: cereals (Europe & Middle East: wheat; Asia: rice; America: corn) Cattle raising: horses, dogs, goats, sheep, oxen	✓ Villages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next to rivers</li> <li>• Encircled by fences</li> <li>• Animal pens</li> <li>• Storehouses</li> </ul> ✓ Specialisation of work	✓ Clothing: woven fabrics ✓ Fabrics (made from animals' wool) ✓ Pottery ✓ Specialised tools & instruments made of polished stone: bowls, hoes, sickles and hand mills	✓ Painting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leading role of the human figure</li> <li>• Schematic figures</li> <li>• Scenes: groups of people hunting, dancing, etc.</li> </ul> ✓ Decorated ceramic pieces ✓ Megaliths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Menhirs (related to the cult of the sun)</li> <li>• Dolmens (burial places)</li> <li>• Stone circles (religious function)</li> </ul>
<b>METAL AGE</b> (7,000 years ago – 5,000 years ago)	Sedentary	✓ Development of agriculture and cattle raising (new techniques) ✓ Growth of population	✓ First cities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encircled by walls</li> <li>• Small houses made of adobe or stone &amp; ceilings made of straw</li> <li>• Buildings with different functions</li> </ul> ✓ Trade activities ✓ New professions: traders, priests and warriors	✓ Three stages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Copper Age</li> <li>2. Bronze Age</li> <li>3. Iron Age</li> </ol> ✓ Three inventions: the wheel, the sail and the plough ✓ Tools, weapons & jewels made of metal	

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### TASK 1 (Reading):

Place each of these facts in its age:

PALAEOLITHIC AGE	NEOLITHIC AGE	METAL AGE

- a. Emergence of megaliths
- b. Discovery of fire
- c. Invention of agriculture
- d. Development of sedentarism
- e. Invention of pottery
- f. First wheels
- g. Invention of the plough
- h. First stockbreeders
- i. First cities
- j. Cave art

### TASK 2 (Reading & Writing):

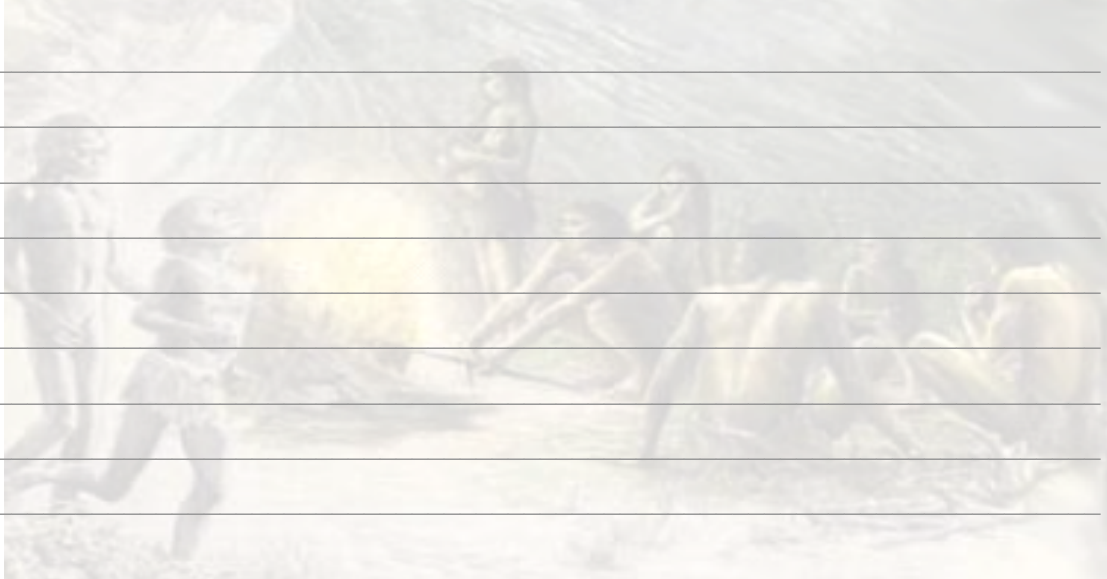
Answer the following questions about life in the Palaeolithic Age:

1. What economic activities do people carry out?
2. What animals do they hunt?
3. What do they fish for?
4. What plants do they gather?
5. Why are they nomadic?
6. What are their clothes made of?
7. Where do they live?
8. What are their cabins made of?
9. How are they socially organised?
10. What is a tribe?

11. What are their tools and weapons made of?
12. What is the most important discovery during the Palaeolithic Age?
13. Name two weapons they use.
14. Where are their most famous paintings?
15. Explain one of their beliefs and one of their rites.

**TASK 3 (Writing):**

Describe the life of a Neolithic human being (What economic activities do they carry out? What plants do they cultivate? What animals do they farm? Where do they live? What do they eat? How are they dressed? How is work organised? What do they invent? What are their paintings like? etc.)



**TASK 4 (Reading & Writing):**

1. What are these important inventions of the Metal Age?
  - a. It allows ships to use the force of the wind. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. It is useful in agriculture. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. It has many different applications: carts, pottery, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the three different stages of the Metal Age?  
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3. Describe the first cities.  
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