

Session: Archaeology – From Stone to Iron

Helping to build a sense of chronological understanding, our Archaeology session explores the concept of the 'Stone Age' and its importance to the development of civilisation.

Utilising the Museum's extensive archaeology collection, students handle objects up to 40,000 years old, while learning key terminology and the difference between the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages.

Session Breakdown:

- Introduction: What is the Stone Age?
 - How do we know about the Stone Age?
 - 3 Sub-Categories of Stone Age
 - Palaeolithic (very old rocks)
 - Mesolithic (middle stone age)
 - Neolithic (new stone age)
- Activity: Exploring Oral Traditions (passing information without writing)
- Why Bronze?
 - Who were the Bronze Age people?
 - Egypt & Mesopotamia
 - Notion of first writing/alphabet
- Activity: Write your name in Hieroglyphics or Cuneiform
- Iron Age
 - Understanding 'Classical Civilisation'
 - Greece & Rome
- Summery & Farewell

Duration: 1.5hrs (Museum), 1hr (Outreach)

Artefacts Used:

- Stone hand-axe
- Stone Arrow Heads
- Stone 'scraper'
- Bronze axe head
- Egyptian pottery
- Cuneiform tablet
- Greek pottery
- Roman pottery
- Iron age axe head