

STONE AGE SHELTERS

Today this Power Point will talk about the different kinds of shelters in the Stone Age. Read on to find out more.



PALAEOLITHIC OR OLD STONE AGE

The Palaeolithic period was 2.5 million years ago to 10000 BCE. The people were hunter gatherers which means they hunted tortoises, lizards, fish and insects. They gathered birds eggs, berries and plants. They were always trying to get as much food as possible and moved about a lot which means that they moved house a lot. They lived in caves and moved from cave to cave. They lived in the entrance of the cave where it was warm and light.



CAVE PAINTINGS

The caves were decorated with paintings of animals. They were deep in the back of the caves not at the front where people lived. The paintings were for good luck with hunting.



MESOLITHIC OR MIDDLE STONE AGE

The Mesolithic period was 10,000 BCE to 7,000 BCE. The people were moving around not so much and they built wigwam shaped shelters in groups. The camps were moved in different seasons. The wigwams were built of wooden poles and covered with animal skins and bark.



NEOLITHIC OR NEW STONE AGE

The Neolithic period was after the Mesolithic period until about 2000 BCE. The people had learned to farm which means they didn't have to gather things and hunt. They planted wheat and had domesticated cows, pigs, sheep and goats which they killed to eat. This means they didn't have to move around any more and they made settlements or villages.



NEOLITHIC HOUSES

These houses are more like our houses than any others in the Stone Age. They had foundations and they were built of wood and wattle and daub (a mixture of manure, clay, mud and hay stuck to sticks). They were sometimes made of stones. The roofs were made of straw. They had beds and shelves and a fireplace to keep warm and to roast food.



GLOSSARY

Period – an era of time

BCE – Before Common Era

Domesticated – tamed animals kept as a pet or on a farm

Settlement – a group of houses which make a village

Manure – cow or horse poo

Clay – sticky earth which you can dig up and use to make pots and bricks and wattle and daub

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Russian Stone Age people sometimes built shelters out of mammoth bones?



THE END

Thank you for listening to my presentation on Stone Age shelters. I hope you enjoyed!