

CurriculumVisions Lesson 2

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History

Stone Age

Book: The Stone Age

Pages 16-30

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book: Stone Age

In this segment, we are going to think about sacred sites.

You will need to go to pages 16-19.

Part 1

How do we know that the 'Red Lady' was buried with care? Why did the skeleton survive for so long?

Answer.....

It was found with grave goods such as rings and ivory rods. Care had been taken to remove the head and stain the bones red. / It was preserved in the cave.

How were passage graves made?

Answer.....

They had a slab for a roof and upright stones to hold the roof in place. They were then covered in soil to make a mound and had a long passage leading to a central chamber where the bones were placed.

How were long barrow graves made?

Answer.....

They had a stone passage leading to a cross-shaped burial chamber. Standing stones were placed at the start of the passage, with smaller stones around the edge. They were then covered in soil.

How do we know that these graves were more than just places to bury people?

Answer.....

Because they took a lot of effort and cooperation between groups of people to build them. People would have had to come together at certain times of the year to build them.

Describe a possible burial ceremony.

Answers will vary but may include.....

Priests carried the dead (or bones) down the passage into the tomb, everyone else gathered in front of the tomb, there was a ceremony, afterward large stones were rolled in front of the passage to seal it.

Part 2

Go to pages 20-23.

What might stone circles have been used for?

Answer.....

A gathering place, a place where spirits could live, or a place to worship spirits.

What might have been a difference in the way smaller stone circle and larger stone circles were used?

Answer.....

Smaller ones may have been local worship sites and larger ones may have been for seasonal pilgrimages

Part 3

Go to pages 24-29.

How do we know that the society that built henges and stone circles was connected, and shared common beliefs?

Answer.....

Because the henges were very large and small, independent groups would not have needed, or been able to build, a henge or a stone circle. Also, henges are found all over Britain, so it is likely that all of the people in Britain shared some common beliefs.

How can we tell the difference between a henge and a fort?

Answer.....

In a henge, the ditch and bank are facing the wrong way to keep people out (that is the bank is outside the ditch and so not suited to defence).

Are all henges the same?

Answer.....

No, their design changed over time – some may have had stone circles inside them, and some may have had stone circles around them. Many were built with wood posts, not stone.

Was Stonehenge built all at once?

Answer.....

No, it was built over around 1,000 years.

Describe the different stages in the building of Stonehenge over time.

Answer.....

First, a circular bank and ditch were dug. Standing timbers may have been put up.

Around 100 years later, more standing timbers were put up, the bank was lowered and ditch partly filled in.

Around 4,600 years ago, two sets of holes were dug and 80 standing stones were placed in them. The large Altar Stone was also placed. The eastern entrance was widened, the Station Stones were placed and the Avenue was dug.

Around 4,400 years ago, 30 giant stones were set up in a ring with lintel stones on top. Five trilithons were placed in the circle.

At later dates, the stones were moved around.

Draw a sketch of what Stonehenge or Avebury may have looked like.

Answer.....

Students own work.

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