

Task cards are designed to help students focus on one question at a time, rather than be intimidated by a long list of questions.

These 32 task cards can be printed and used on their own, or with the book:

## **Stone Age**

### **use the book 505 Stone Age**

They are designed to ask questions that relate to parts of the English, Social Sciences (Geography, History, Civics), and Science, Mathematics and Technology core curricular in a way which does not straightjacket a topic into any particular subject area, and encourages students to ask a range of questions about a topic.

They can be used

- at the start of a day to encourage students to extract information from a primary resource (a video), and also research aspects of the topic in more depth by using the search button.
- as reinforcement challenge for students who have learned a topic.
- as homework.

Each student can be given from one to all of the questions. Each student should be encouraged to say out the question and answer they have given, and justify what they have concluded.

Note also that task cards are questions. These ones are designed to be accessible to a wide range of ages and abilities. As a result, the same question can be asked of a wide range of students. It is the level and complexity of the answer that should vary. You don't have to provide complex questions to require complex answers!

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# Stone Age

Geography – Origins

Where are Stone Age people in Britain thought to have started out? (p4)

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History – Time line

When was the Stone Age? (p5)

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# Stone Age

Time lines – Neandertals

Were Neandertals our direct ancestors? (p5)

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Climate – Ice Age

What happened to sea level in Ice Age times, and how did this allow people to reach Britain? (p5)

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Feeding – Stone bashing

Why did Stone Age people bash their food with stones? (p10)

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Feeding – Mammoth

Would Stone Age people have been able to kill a mammoth easily? (p7)

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## Stone Age

Feeding – Mammoth

Why might Stone Age people have hunted such a large animal? (p8)

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Technology – Knapping

What kind of rock is needed for knapping to be successful – hard, soft, brittle, or bendy? (p10)

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Technology – Tools

What parts of tools were made from knapped stone? (p10)

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Technology – axes

What is the difference between a very early stone axe and one made in later times? (p10)

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Technology – Quern

How did a quern work? (p11)

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Technology – Quern

What kind of stone was used for a quern – rough or smooth? (p11)

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Weather – Painting

Where are most Stone Age paintings preserved? (p12)

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Technology – Paint

What was used to make a black paint? (p13)

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Religion – Painting

What did Stone Age people paint, and why was this? (p12)

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Technology – Brushes

What did they use for brushes? (p13)

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Life – Clothes

What were Early Stone Age clothes made from? (p31)

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Life – Farming

What did Stone Age people use for breaking up the ground before planting seed? (p30-1)

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Technology – Bag

What did Stone Age people make bags from? (p32)

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# Stone Age

Technology – Stone Houses

Where were the first stone houses built in Britain? (p34)

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# Stone Age

Technology – Shelter

Why were the Skara Brae houses partly sunken into the ground? (p34-5)

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# Stone Age

Technology – Roof

What did the people of Skara Brae use to make a roof frame, and what did they cover the frame with? (p38)

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Religion – Barrow

What was a barrow used for? (p17)

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Religion – Barrow

What was placed at the main entrance to the barrow? (p17)

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Art – Barrows

How were the large stones of a barrow decorated?  
(p19)

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Life – Circles and hedges

How do we know that large numbers of Stone Age people co-operated? (p22-3)

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Religion – Henge

What was a henge? (p24)

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# Stone Age

Religion – Stone Circles

Where were stone circles built? (p24-5)



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# Stone Age

Technology – Standing stones

What suggestions do people have for how giant stones were moved and placed upright? (p26-7)

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# Stone Age

Religion – Stone circles

What did the position of the winter and summer solstices have to do with the stones? (p26-7)

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Timeline – Bronze Age

How is the Stone Age related to the Bronze Age? (p5)

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Life – Burial

What was a dolmen and who was it for? (p16)