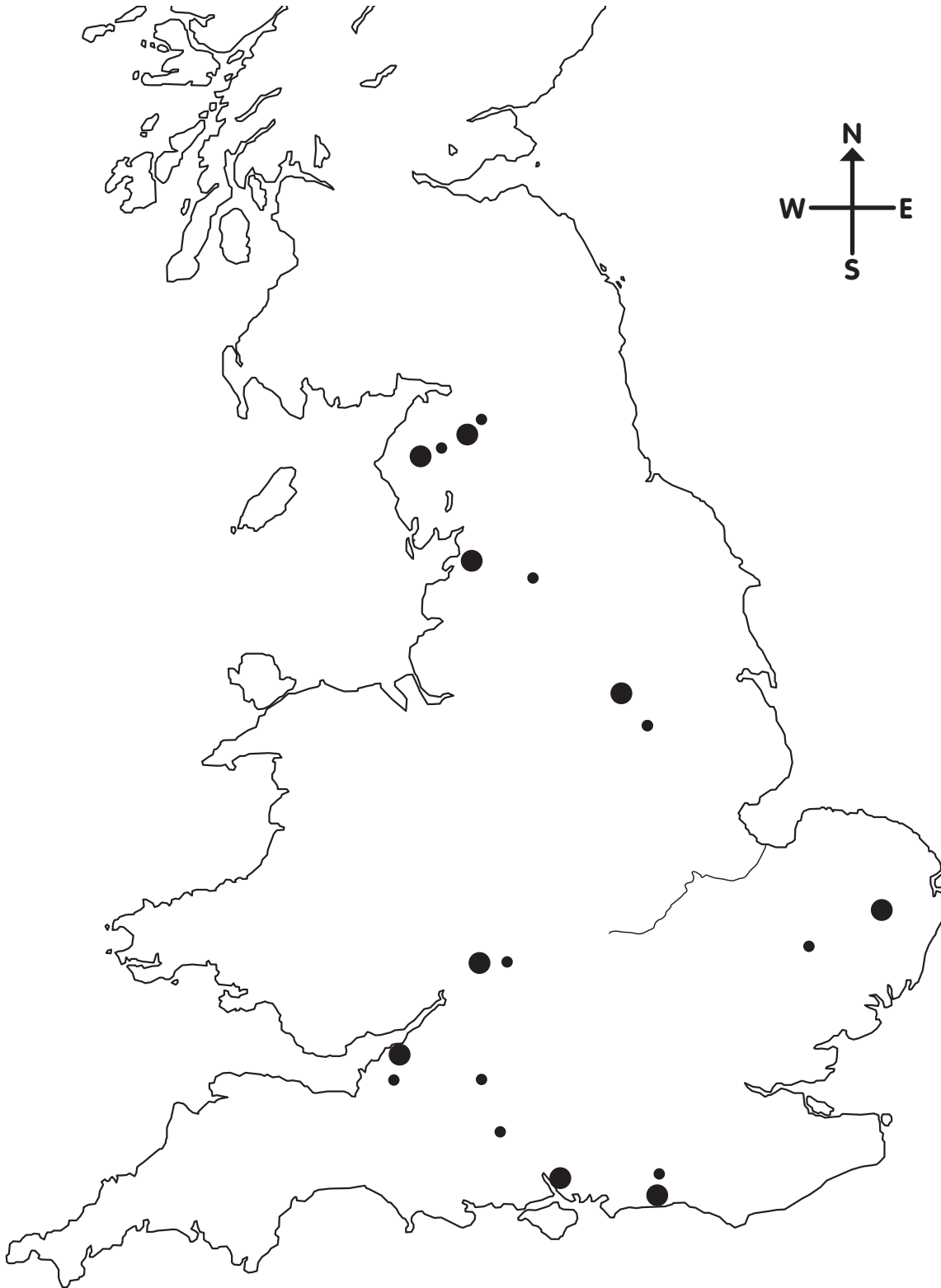


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Objectives

- To learn how to locate Stone Age sites using a map and compass directions.

Cross-curricular links

History

- 41 Find out about people from an appropriate range of sources of information including ICT based resources.

Geography

- 2c Use maps at a range of scales.

Resources

Note

This activity specifically looks at a few sites in England but this is only to serve as an example of how locations can be found. You may like to select your own favourite sites from other parts of the British Isles and present them in a similar way using your own versions of worksheets 18A and 18B.

You may like to examine web sites of some or all of the locations featured on worksheet 18B and display a picture say of Long Meg on the whiteboard or the entrance to a cave. You may like to add the first letter to the town and city represented by the large dots on the maps to help the children find them.

Each child or group will need a copy of worksheets 18A and 18B (pages 70 and 72) and a map or a number of maps of England showing major towns.

Starter

Tell the children that there is evidence of activities of Stone Age people all over Europe but they are just going to try and find a few of them in England. Show the children some pictures from the web sites you have selected and tell them that they are going to use maps to locate them.

Main activities

- Issue worksheet 18A and the maps. Tell the children to locate the towns and cities represented by the large dots. You may like to spend some time talking about different parts of the country and guide the children through their maps to locate the towns and cities. The time spent here will depend on their previous experience of maps.
- When all the towns and cities have been identified and labelled issue worksheet 18B and point out how the use of the compass points is used to locate the Stone Age sites.
- Let the children locate the sites and label them with an appropriate letter or their full name.

Plenary

Review the children's work and ask them what information the sites provide about the Stone Age people's ways of life. Look for answers about worshipping in temples, burying the dead, using astronomical features to measure time, mining and shaping flint, hunting a range of animals and living in caves from time to time, and making carvings of animals and people.

Outcomes

The children:

- Can use maps to find locations of Stone Age sites.
- Appreciate that the sites provide evidence of the activity of people in the Stone Age.

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