

PALEOLITHIC, MESOLITHIC, & NEOLITHIC ERAS

CATEGORIES	PALEOLITHIC ERA	MESOLITHIC	NEOLITHIC ERA
What is the time frame?	c. 2.5 million years ago until 10,000 BC	c. 10,000 BC-7,000 BC	c. 7,000 BC-5,000 BC
Food What did they eat & how did they get it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hunter-Gatherers ● Animals, fish, insects, nuts, berries, plants ● They had to follow their food, so they were always on the move 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Domesticated, or tamed, animals to use for food and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Farming revolution ● Ate grains & vegetables (wheat, barley, rice, soybeans, millet)
Tools & Inventions Describe the types of tools they used and how they used the tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FIRE ● Spears, clubs, traps and bows & arrows to kill/trap food ● First to use <i>technology</i>-tools and methods to help humans perform tasks ● Flint, a hard stone, used to sharpen axes and spears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invented fishhooks and needles from animal bone ● Improved the bow and arrow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Used metals, such as copper and bronze, to create tools such as sickle for cutting grain
Arts & Crafts What type of art did they create & how did they create it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spoken (no written) language ● Cave paintings ● Used crushed rocks to make powders for paint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pottery from clay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carved objects out of wood ● Built mud-brick shelters and tombs ● Wall paintings
Daily Life Where did they live? What was life like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Nomads</i>: they regularly moved from place to place ● Followed the food ● Survival was difficult 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Began settling in villages ● Homes were made of mud/brick and decorated with wall paintings ● Steady food supply meant healthier, growing population ● Began trading