

EARLY ARCHAEOLOGICAL PERIODS

Age	Period	Tools	Economy	Housing	Culture	Religion
Stone Age	Paleolithic	Handmade tools and objects found in nature — club, sharpened stone, chopper, hand axe, scraper, spear, Bow and arrow, harpoon, and needle	Hunting and gathering	Mobile lifestyle — caves, huts, mostly by rivers and lakes	A band of edible-plant gatherers and hunters (25–100 people)	Evidence for belief in the afterlife first appears in the Middle Paleolithic or Upper Paleolithic marked by the appearance of burial rituals and ancestor worship. Priests and religious servants appear in prehistory
	Mesolithic: known as the Epipalaeolithic in areas not affected by the Ice Age such as Africa	Handmade tools and objects found in nature — bow and arrow, fish – basket, boats			Tribes and Bands	
	Neolithic	Handmade tools and objects found in nature — chisel, hoe, plough, yoke, reaping-hook, grain pourer, barley, loom, pottery and weapons			Agriculture Gathering, hunting, fishing and domestication	
Bronze Age		Copper and bronze tools, potter's wheel	Agriculture — cattle — breeding, agriculture, craft, trade			
Iron Age		Iron tools				