Prehistory is the term given to human existence before written records. The prehistoric period ended in different parts of the world at different times: in Mesopotamia the prehistoric period ended in 3500 BC, whilst in North America it ended in 1492 AD. In Britain, the prehistoric period ended with the Roman Invasion in 54 BC. This lesson should give pupils an introductory overview of the 10,000 years from the end of the Ice Age to the arrival of the Romans, passing through the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. With no written records, we depend almost entirely on the work of archaeology to know a Site at the furthest limits of the Neolithic revolution and standing at the confluence of the two great sea routes of prehistory, Britain and Ireland are distinct from continental Europe for much of the prehistoric sequence. In this landmark 2007 study - the first significant survey of the archaeology of Britain and Ireland for twenty years - Richard Bradley offers an interpretation of the unique archaeological record of these islands based on a wealth of current and largely unpublished data. Bradley surveys the entire archaeological sequence over a 4,000 year period, from the adoption of agriculture in Britain and Ireland to the arrival of the Romans at this time, and during several Ice Ages much of the land was covered with thick ice. This period was known as the Stone Age, and people used stone tools to hunt and fish. The melting ice created the English Channel and Irish Sea, forming the islands of Britain and Ireland. Stonehenge was an ancient temple built in several stages between about 3000 BC and 1300 BC. Prehistoric Britain Author: Timothy C. Darvill Publisher: Routledge Date: February 1987. Ancient Britain Publisher: Jarrold Publishing Date: April 2006. Back to top. ROMAN BRITAIN (43-409). An Atlas of Roman Britain Authors: Barri Jones, David Mattingly Publisher: Oxbow Books Date: February 2002. Prehistory is the time before written records. It's the period of human history we know the least about, but it's also the longest by far. Prehistory stretches from then until the Roman invasion in AD 43. In the hundreds of thousands of years before history began, these lands underwent huge climatic, societal, political, technological and geological changes. Along with artefacts discovered by archaeologists, the henges, hillforts and burial sites still visible in the landscape today can give us with fascinating glimpses into the lives of the people of prehistoric England. Ages and Ages. To deal with the massive spans of time in this period, archaeologists traditionally divide prehistory into three main periods: the Stone, Bronze