



WESTON
MUSEUM

IRON AGE BRITAIN

The Iron Age marks the end of prehistory after the Stone Age and the Bronze Age.

Throughout this research pack, we will be exploring Iron Age Britain, with a focus on Iron Age in North Somerset.



FIRST ACTIVITY – QUESTIONS

ABOUT IRON AGE BRITAIN

1. WHY IS IT CALLED THE IRON AGE?

2. WHEN WAS THE IRON AGE?

3. HOW MANY HILL FORTS ARE THERE IN BRITAIN?



4. WHAT WERE THE 4 MAIN FESTIVALS? (ALSO WRITE ONE SENTENCE ABOUT EACH)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick red border, intended for students to write their answers to the question above.



SECOND ACTIVITY - WORLEBURY CAMP (IRON AGE HILL FORT)

1. HOW MANY PITS ARE AT WORLEBURY?

2. WHEN WAS WORLEBURY CAMP BUILT?

**3. WHEN WAS THE CAMP ADDED TO THE
HERITAGE AT RISK REGISTER?**



4. WHAT ARTEFACTS HAVE BEEN FOUND?



5. WHAT ANIMAL BONES HAVE BEEN FOUND?



THIRD ACTIVITY - THE CLEVEDON TORC (DISPLAYED AT WESTON MUSEUM)

1. WHERE WAS THE TORC UNCOVERED?

2. WHEN WAS IT MADE?

**3. WHEN WAS IT ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO THE
BRITISH MUSEUM, AND BY WHOM?**



FINAL ACTIVITY – GLOSSARY

We have come across lots of new words, and we might have had to look up what some of them mean.

These are 5 words you should have come across, write the definition in these boxes!

SMITHING

ROTARY QUERN



GLOSSARY CONTINUED...

CELTS

HILL FORT

ARD



DID YOU KNOW?

Here are several facts about Iron Age Britain.

Did you know these facts?

Most Iron Age people worked hard and lived on small farms, and their lives were governed by the changing of the seasons.

Coinage was first minted in Britain around 100 BC. Coins were made of gold, silver and bronze.

Iron Age Britons ate porridge made of barley and rye.



Only a quarter of children born during the Iron Age reached adulthood. The average life expectancy after birth was 25 years.

Iron Age Britain was famous for its hunting dogs.

As farming became more productive, the population began to rise.

Grain was stored in granaries or in underground vaults. Meat or fish could be preserved by salting or smoking.

