

Prehistory

Prehistory is the time before written records.

The origins of all human culture (Technology, Religion, Art, Music, Dance, Storytelling, and Social Structure etc.) were developed during prehistory.

Prehistory is divided into three time periods: **Paleolithic** (Old Stone Age) **Mesolithic** (Middle Stone Age) and **Neolithic** (New stone age).

If **Paleo-** means old and **meso-** means middle and **neo-** means new: What does **lithic** mean? _____ . (Use Inductive reasoning)

Timeline of Prehistory

- = 25,000 years

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Paleolithic - ?? to 12,000 BCE (BC)

Mesolithic- 12,000_{BCE} to 10,000_{BCE}

Neolithic- 10,000_{BCE} to 5,000_{BCE}

Achievements of Old Stone Age

- 1. Mastery of Fire**
- 2. Invention and use of technology (tools)**
- 3. Creation of communications skills (language, art, dance)**
- 4. Development of “Religious Interpretation”**
- 5. Organization into Social Groups**

Achievements of New Stone Age

- 1. Domestication of Animals and plants.**
- 2. Farming**
- 3. Permanent Settlements**