

The Stone Age

Topic	Details
Tools	During the Stone Age, simple tools were made from stone, wood, and animal bone.
Hunting	Hunters in the Old Stone Age survived by killing animals for meat, hides, and bones for tools.
Gathering	Gatherers collected wild plants, and seeds for food.
Fire	Between 1,400,000 and 500,000 years ago, people learned to create and use fire.
Settlement	The ability to create fire allowed people to move to cold climates. They began to move to places where they thought they would find food. Eventually, people spread out over most of the earth.
Farming	People discovered that if they planted seeds, new plants would grow. This allowed them to stop roaming and settle in one place. Farmers learned how soil, water, and sunlight help plants grow. They began to select seeds to get the biggest, best-tasting plants possible.
Animals	People learned to domesticate animals during the New Stone Age. They probably trained dogs to help with hunting. They also tamed sheep, goats, and pigs to use as ready sources of meat, milk, wool, and skins. They began to carefully breed animals to produce animals that provided more milk or wool.