

The British Isles in the Paleolithic period

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The Map

- Around 800,000 years ago Britain was joined to continental Europe by a wide land bridge allowing humans to move around the whole region.



Humans

- A human leg bone and flint tools from Boxgrove in Sussex show the arrival of a new human species called *Homo heidelbergensis* around 500,000 years ago.



A Final Ice Age

- A final Ice Age covered Britain around 70,000 to 12,000 BC.



The first burials

- The cave burial of the 'Red Lady of Paviland' (Wales) is a modern human and dates from about 30,000 BC. 'She' is actually a man and is one of the first burials to have grave goods.



Ancient tools

- Modern humans in Britain produced flint tools and used bone, antler, shell, amber, animal teeth and mammoth ivory for tools and jewellery.



Art

- Artistic expression occurred through engraved bone and cave art such as that found at Creswell Crags.



Landscapes

- Known sites from this period include open air sites such as Hengistbury Head which was first occupied around 10,000 BC.



Thank you for attention!