

Summer 2 Year 3 Week 7 Day 3 Art

What was Stone Age cave art?



What do you see?
Look at the photographs of Stone Age cave paintings.
Tell your partner what images you can make out in the pictures.
Can you see any:
• People?
• Animals?
• Weapons?
• Anything else?

A Cave Artist's Toolbox
Natural Pigments
These are the natural colors of earth materials. They might have noticed that some of the red pigments were made from ochre.
Tools
They would have used their fingertips to make their paintings. Alternatively, they could have used animal hair or bird feathers to create their art.
Fire
It was used in the caves and the cave artists would have needed a wooden fire to keep the cave warm.
Tubers
These cave paintings feature hand prints on the walls. They were made by dipping the hand in red ochre and pressing it against the wall.

Your Own Cave Art
Your task is to make your own cave art.
Use the design sheet for examples of images to copy.

Spot Check
Can you explain how people created cave paintings in the Stone Age?

Why was cave art created?
Historians are still not entirely sure why people in the Stone Age created cave art, although lots of people have different theories about it.
Below are some possible answers. Tell your partner which theory you think is most likely.

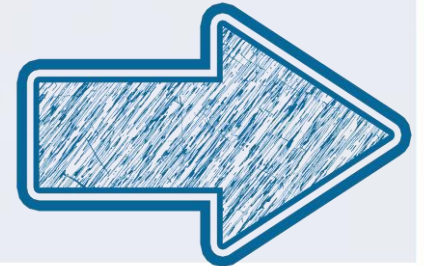
- To decorate the caves
- To communicate a message to other people
- As part of a good luck ritual before a hunt
- To keep a record of events like important hunts

Stone Age to Iron Age
Lesson 2: What was Stone Age Cave Art?
Timeline:
• 10,000 BC: The end of the last Ice Age.
• 8,000 BC: The beginning of the Neolithic period.
• 5,000 BC: The beginning of the Bronze Age.
• 4,000 BC: The beginning of the Iron Age.
• 1,000 BC: The beginning of the Roman period.
• 43 AD: The Roman invasion of Britain.

Starter Activity
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A closer look
Look more closely on your sheet and answer three questions.
• What can you see in the picture?
• Who do you think painted it?
• Why do you think the artist painted this picture?
Now connect to <https://www.dfsfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/cave-paintings/> and click on the labels to find out more about the cave paintings.

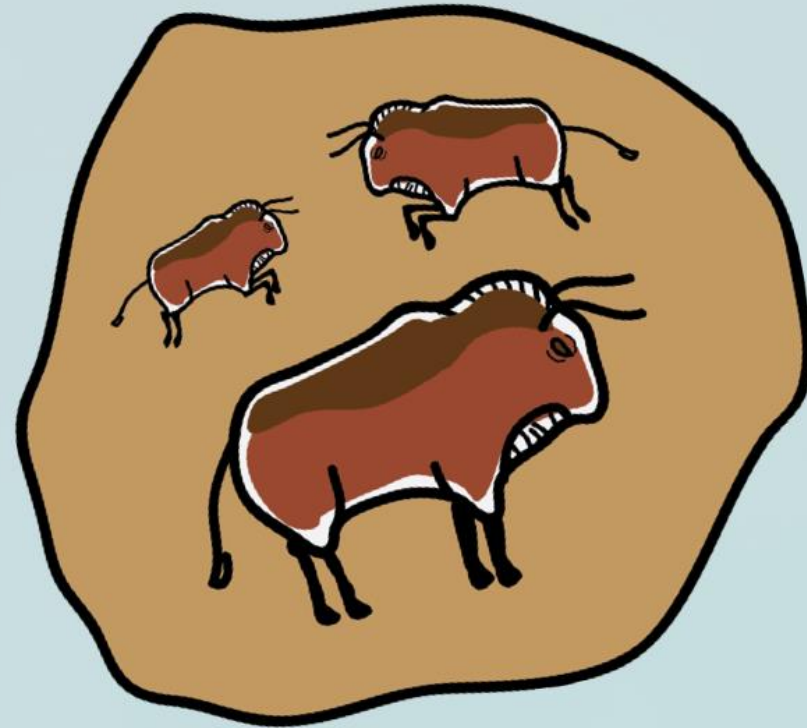
Stone Age Cave Art
What different things can you see in the picture?
Who do you think painted it?
Why do you think the artist wanted to make this picture?



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Today you are going to learn how:

- To explore the style of Stone Age cave art
- To find out how cave paintings were created



Task 1

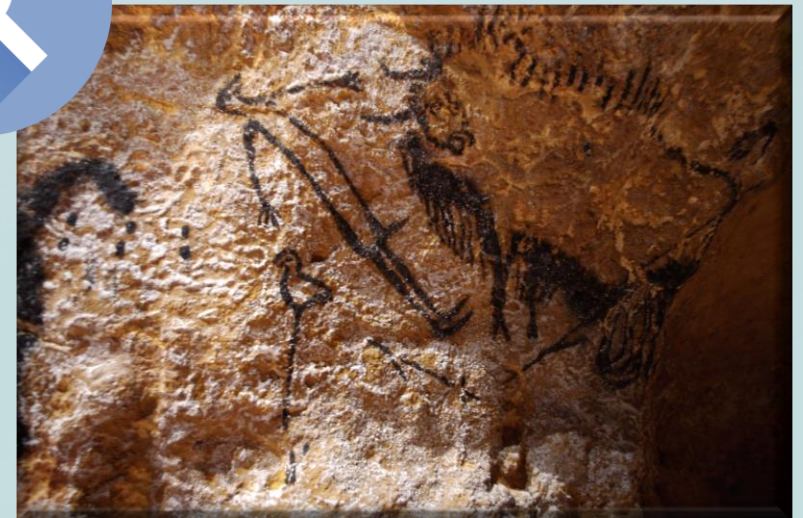
What do you see?

Look at the photographs of Stone Age cave paintings.

In your Home learning books write down what images in the pictures show.

Can you see any:

- People?
- Animals?
- Weapons?
- Anything else?



A closer look



Look more closely at this picture and answer the three questions below into your Home learning books.

- What can you see in the picture?
- Who do you think painted it?
- Why do you think the artist wanted to make this picture?
- Why do you think cave paintings are so important to historians for learning about life in this time?

If you can, click on this link:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/cave-painting/>
and click on the labels to find out more about the cave paintings.

Read the information below

A Cave Artist's Toolbox



Natural Paints

Stone Age paint was made out of natural materials. You might have noticed that many of the paintings are made from browns, whites, reds and oranges. The paints were made by grinding up natural materials like rocks, woods, bones or charcoal and then mixing the powders with water or animal fat to create paint.



Tools

People would have used their fingertips to make the pictures. Alternatively, some cave artists used twigs or brushes made from animal hair.



Fire

It was dark in the caves and the cave artists would have needed a wooden fire torch to help them to see.



Tubes

Some cave paintings feature hand shapes on the walls. These would have been made by blowing paint through tubes and using the hands as a stencil.

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Task 2

Your Own Cave Art

Your task is to make your own cave art design. You can be as creative as you like.

- 1) You can either draw and colour a cave painting design into your Home learning books
- 2) OR if you have paints, crayons, chalk, felt-tip or pencil colours you can create your cave art on a separate piece of paper!
- 3) Have fun and please do send pictures of your designs to your teacher 😊



Look on the next page for some design ideas

Cave painting designs

