

Prehistory

Palaeolithic

Start: two million years ago

End: 12 000 years ago

People hunt, fished and collected wild fruits.



They were nomads and took shelter in caves or huts.

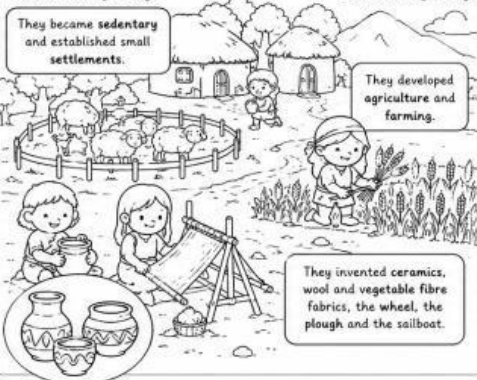
They controlled fire and made tools.

Neolithic

Start: 12 000 years ago

End: 6 000 years ago

They became sedentary and established small settlements.



They developed agriculture and farming.

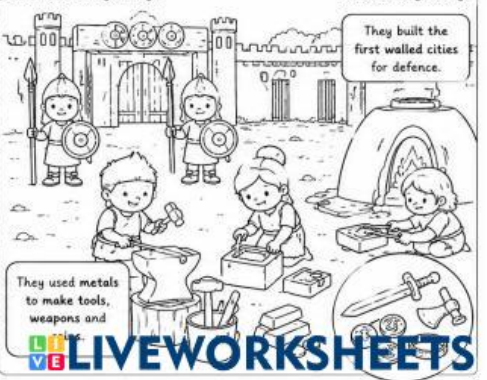
They invented ceramics, wool and vegetable fibre fabrics, the wheel, the plough and the sailboat.

Metal Ages

Start: 6 000 years ago

End: 2 500 years ago

They built the first walled cities for defence.



They used metals to make tools, weapons and