

Worksheet: Exploring the Mesolithic Period

Name: _____

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*Read the following information about the Mesolithic period carefully.
Then, complete the exercises below.*

The Mesolithic Period

The Mesolithic period, also known as the Middle Stone Age, is a significant era in human history. It occurred between the Paleolithic (Old Stone Age) and the Neolithic (New Stone Age) periods. This transitional period was marked by several key developments.

1 -Filling in the Blank:

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Word Bank: Hunter-gatherers, tools, climate, Mesolithic, nomadic

- a. The _____ period is also called the Middle Stone Age.
- b. People during this time were mostly _____, relying on hunting and gathering for food.
- c. They used stone _____ for various purposes.
- d. The _____ of this period was generally milder than the previous ice age.
- e. People in the _____ period were often _____, moving from place to place in search of resources.

2- Matching the Words:

Match the words on the left with their correct definitions on the right.

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| ____ a. Mesolithic | 1. A period of warmer weather |
| ____ b. Hunter-gatherers | 2. People who search for food and resources |
| ____ c. Tools | 3. Middle Stone Age |
| ____ d. Climate | 4. Instruments used for various tasks |
| ____ e. Nomadic | 5. The period between Paleolithic and Neolithic |

3- True or False:

Circle 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if it is not.

- a. **True/False:** The Mesolithic period is also known as the New Stone Age.
- b. **True/False:** People during the Mesolithic period relied on agriculture for food.
- c. **True/False:** The climate during the Mesolithic period was generally milder than the previous ice age.
- d. **True/False:** Hunter-gatherers were nomadic, constantly moving to find resources.

4- Short Answer:

Explain one key difference between the Paleolithic period and the Mesolithic period.

5- Multiple Choice:

Choose the correct option for the following question:

What was the primary way people in the Mesolithic period obtained their food?

- a. Agriculture
- b. Fishing
- c. Hunting and gathering
- d. Trading