

THE SECRETS OF STONEHENGE

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Tangle - Twist together

Undergrowth - A thick growth of shrubs and other plants, especially under trees in woodland

Mesolithic - Middle Stone Age

Prowled - If you move stealthily — like you're looking for something to prey on

Gathering - A meeting held in a place for a reason

Seasons - A year is split into four season (Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer)

Chalky uplands - A hilly area formed by chalk

Plain (for this text) - A large area of flat land

READ THE TEXT AND THEN
RE-READ IT AGAIN AND
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Stone-Age Britain

10,000 YEARS AGO

After the last Ice Age ended, large areas of Britain became a tangle of trees and undergrowth known as the 'Wildwood'. Mesolithic people prowled there, hunting and gathering wild food, moving their camps as the seasons turned.

Some places, such as the chalky uplands of Salisbury Plain, may have been free of trees. We can't be sure, but perhaps humans thought of these open spaces as special or even magical in some way.



QUESTIONS - WHICH KEYWORDS HAVE BEEN USED TO HELP YOU FIND THE ANSWER?

- 1) What was the tangle of trees and undergrowth known as?
- 2) Which word is used to show how the Metholithic people searched for their prey?
- 3) Why do you think the 'Wildwood' area was a good place to hunt?

STONE AGE HUMANS WERE CLEVER PEOPLE!

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?

EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS.

AN EXAMPLE OF WHY STONE-AGE PEOPLE WERE CLEVER!

Stone-Age humans were clever people. Using tools of bone, wood, antler and stone such as these flint spear-points, they were continuing a worldwide Stone-Age life-style that had worked for millions of years: trapping, hunting and gathering.