

THE PALAEOLITHIC AGE: CAVE ART

People in the Palaeolithic Age created the first paintings on the walls of the caves.

These are the first **cave paintings**. These cave paintings generally represent animals (horses, bison, reindeer, deer, mammoths). The painters drew them with great **naturalism**. They used the irregularities in the rocks to obtain an impression of volume.

These paintings are **polychrome**: the base colours are red, ochre and black.

It is thought that these representations were part of magic rituals. Their function was to help the people who painted them hunt the animals.

The most famous cave paintings of the Palaeolithic are in the Lascaux caves (France) and in Altamira (Spain).

THE NEOLITHIC AGE

Around 8.000 BC the Neolithic Age or New Stone Age or the polished Stone Age began in the Middle East. People lived in houses grouped in villages and became **sedentary**. They started practicing **agriculture** (they grew cereals and vegetables). They also **raised animals** (sheep, goats, pigs and cows). It was also the beginning of **handicrafts** (they made pottery and they wove their clothes from sheep's wool).

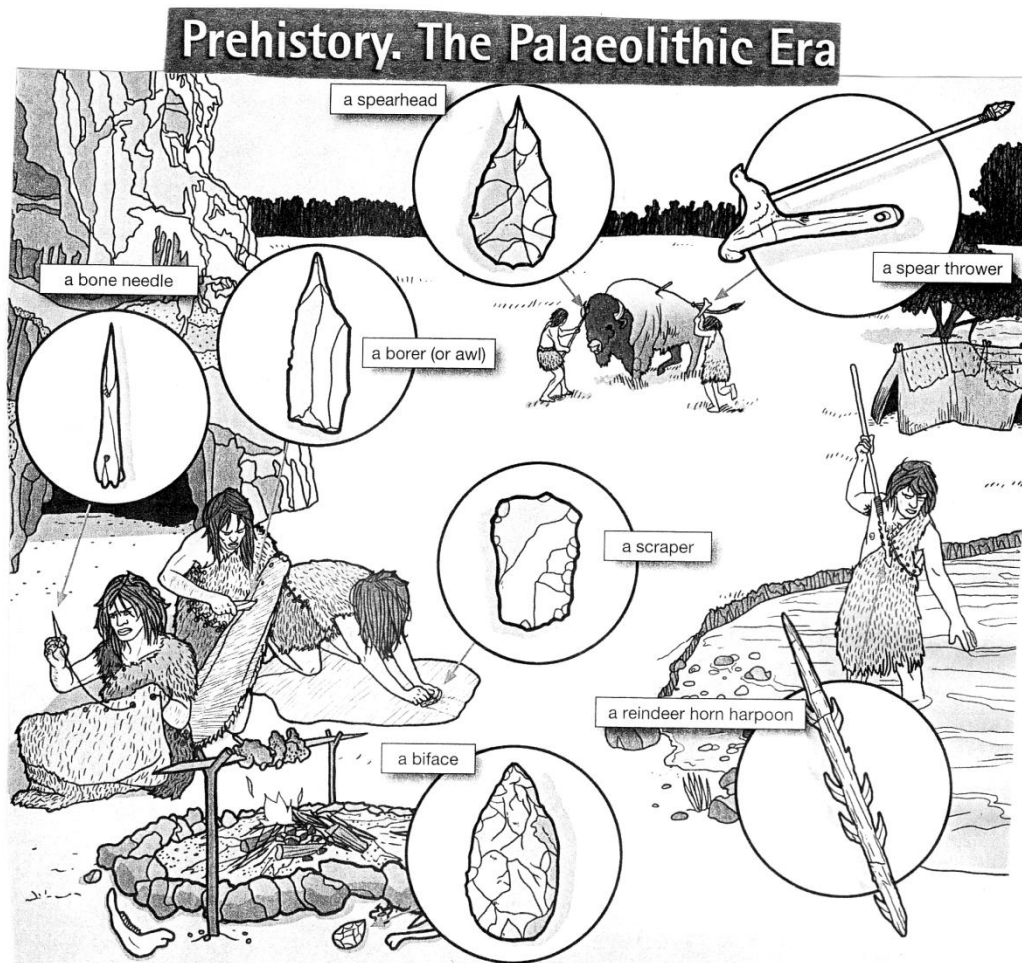
THE METAL AGES

Around 5.000 BC the first metals appeared in the Middle East. People worked different metals: first **copper**, then **bronze** (copper + tin) and around 2.000 BC **iron** metal appeared.

With copper, people created ornaments and jewellery. With bronze and iron, they made weapons and tools more solid which gradually replaced tools made of stone.

Activities:

- 1.- What colours did the cave painters use?
- 2.- In which Age was it painted?
- 3.- When did the Neolithic Age begin?
- 4.- During the Palaeolithic Age, people were nomads. What were they during the Neolithic Age?
- 5.- Which three activities did people do during the Neolithic Age?
- 6.- Which was the first metal to appear during the Metal Ages?
- 7.- What is bronze made of?
- 8.- What did metal tools replace?



What are the tools made of? Classify them in the table.

Of stone	Of animal horns	Of bone

Classify the Palaeolithic tools by their use.

For hunting	For fishing	For making clothes

