

TEACHING RESOURCES

The following is a list of resources for schools which give information about the Mesolithic or provide ideas for activities in the classroom or outdoors. These are accurate in their portrayal of the period at the time when they were written. Some are focussed only on the Mesolithic, while others cover the whole of prehistory.

EARLY SCHOOL BOOKS ON PREHISTORY

Ian Dawson 1983 *Prehistoric Britain*, Studies in Evidence 1, Edinburgh: Holmes McDougall

Jon Nichol 1983 *Prehistoric Britain*, Evidence, Oxford: Basil Blackwell

Mike Corbishley 1989 *Prehistoric Britain*, London: British Museum Press

MODERN GUIDES TO THE MESOLITHIC

Bill Finlayson 2005 (2nd ed.) *Wild harvesters: the first people of Scotland*, Making of Scotland 1, Edinburgh: Birlinn

Nicky Milner, Barry Taylor, Chantal Conneller & Tim Schadla-Hall 2013 *Star Carr: life in Britain after the Ice Age*, York: Council for British Archaeology

Peter Rowe 2015 *Hunting the hunter-gatherers*, Hartlepool: Tees Archaeology

GUIDES TO PREHISTORIC FOOD AND COOKING

Jacqui Wood 2001 *Prehistoric cooking*, Stroud: The History Press

Jacqui Wood 2009 *Tasting the past: recipes from the Stone Age to the present*, Stroud: Tempus

RESOURCES BASED ON MICHELLE PAVER'S CHRONICLES OF ANCIENT DARKNESS NOVELS

Emma Lee 2006 *Wolf Brother teacher's notes*, Harlow: Pearson Educational

<http://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/Secondary/Drama/14-16/NewWindmillsFiction/Resources/U-Z/WolfBrother.pdf>

anon. 2010 *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness teachers' notes*, London: Orion Children's Books

<https://www.hachettechildrens.co.uk/assets/hachettechildrensbooks/downloads/teachers%20resources/The%20Chronicles%20of%20Ancient%20Darkness%20Teachers%20Notes.pdf>

Elsbeth Mackay 2013 *Wolf Brother's wildwoods*, Edinburgh: Forestry Commission Scotland

[http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/fcms123.pdf/\\$FILE/fcms123.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/fcms123.pdf/$FILE/fcms123.pdf)

RESOURCES PRODUCED BY MUSEUMS

Many museums will have resources for use in the museum displays. A few have online resources that can be used in the classroom.

British Museum

Mesolithic headdress

http://www.teachinghistory100.org/objects/mesolithic_headdress

Mesolithic woodworking tool

http://www.teachinghistory100.org/objects/mesolithic_tool

Museum of London

Archaeology activity pack

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/application/files/3914/5573/1038/prehistory-archaeology-activity-pack.pdf>

Hunter-gatherer Quiz

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/application/files/5814/5573/2048/hunter-gatherer-quiz.pps>

Prehistory artefacts class timeline

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/application/files/1414/5572/9034/prehistoric-artefacts-class-timeline.docx>

Stone Age storytelling

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/application/files/8914/5573/2427/stone-age-storytelling.docx>

Yorkshire Museum

Teaching Prehistoric Yorkshire

https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/exhibit/teaching-prehistoric-yorkshire/gALiBNc44va_Jw

RESOURCES ON TEACHERS' RESOURCE WEB-SITES

anon. n.d. *From hunter-gatherers to farmers*, Hamilton Trust

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/browse/theme/upper-key-stage-2/block-c-from-hunter-gatherers-to-farmers/110301>

anon. 2014 *Prehistoric Britain: Mesolithic*, PlanBee

<http://www.planbee.com/history/346/>

anon. 2015 *Stone Age to Iron Age teachers' resource pack*, KS2 History (<http://www.ks2history.com/>)

<https://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/journey-through-the-stone-age-class-assembly-6452533>

M Barker 2014 *Journey through the Stone Age, class assembly*

<https://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/journey-through-the-stone-age-class-assembly-6452533>

Frances Pryor & H Morris 2014 *Stone Age to Iron Age - overview and depth*, London: Historical Association

<https://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/stone-age-to-iron-age--overview-and-depth-6433770>

MAKERS OF REPLICA ARTEFACTS

Many of these can also come into schools and run workshops with pupils.

Ancient Arts (David and Sue Chapman)

bone harpoons, microliths and decorated pebbles among other prehistoric items

www.ancient-arts.org

Ancient Craft (James Dilley)

Mesolithic blades, cores, axeheads and microliths among other prehistoric tools

www.ancientcraft.co.uk

Archaeology Scotland

A Mesolithic flint handling kit for use by schools in Scotland

http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/EaO_AIK_info%2018%2012%2013.pdf

Flintknapping (John Lord)

includes a Mesolithic arrowhead and other prehistoric tools

<http://www.flintknapping.co.uk/>

Prehistoric Experiences and Workshops (Will Lord)

includes a hafted Mesolithic axe and other prehistoric tools

<http://www.will-lord.co.uk/>

Schools Prehistory (Kim Biddulph)

Mesolithic toolkit as well as other handling collections (made by Ancient Craft and Sun Jester)

<http://www.schoolsprehistory.co.uk/teaching-resources/handling-collections/>

SunJester (Graham and Towse Harrison)

Mesolithic handling collection, also available through Schools Prehistory

<http://www.sunjester.co.uk/>