

Years ago	Period	Features	Key events
500	Modern	science, industry, cities, Empire	Civil War (1642-1652)
1,600	Medieval	kingdoms, castles, cathedrals, villages	Norman conquest (1066) Viking invasions (865) Anglo-Saxon conquests (560s)
2,000	Roman	towns, villas, Hadrian's Wall	Roman conquest (43)
2,800	Iron Age	hill forts, chiefs and warriors, square fields	
3,500	Bronze Age		Stonehenge abandoned
4,200	Neolithic	henges, stone circles, rich burials	
5,100		ancestral tombs, flint mines, first pottery	Stonehenge built
6,000			first farmers in Britain
8,000	Mesolithic		
8,400		woodlands, climate warming, sea level rising, hunting, fishing and gathering	Storegga tsunami Britain an island
11,100			
11,600	Star Carr	people return hunting horse	end of the Ice Age
12,900		very cold, Britain possibly abandoned	
14,900		ice retreats, hunting reindeer, cave art, last mammoths	people migrate to Britain