

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		
4,200		henges, stone circles, rich burials	Stonehenge abandoned
5,100	Neolithic		Stonehenge built
6,000		ancestral tombs, flint mines, first pottery	first farmers in Britain
8,000	Mesolithic	woodlands, climate warming, sea level rising, hunting, fishing and gathering	Storegga tsunami Britain an island
8,400			
11,100	Star Carr		
11,600		people return hunting horse	end of the Ice Age
12,900	Late Palaeolithic	very cold, Britain possibly abandoned	
14,900		ice retreats, hunting reindeer, cave art, last mammoths	people migrate to Britain