

Stonehenge

Wonders of the Medieval World

Deep in the heart of England, a pile of stones sits on the side of the road. They'd be easy to miss—if you could ignore all the cars jammed in the parking lot. As you could probably guess, these stones are a lot more special than your average rock pile. Archaeologists estimate that this stone gathering was constructed around 3100 BC. That's nearly 5000 years ago!



Stonehenge, the name given to this medieval wonder, is a bit of a mystery. We still don't know how or why primitive people moved big stones across the English countryside to this specific site. Historians guess that the circular monument was probably constructed for religious reasons, but some wackier theories propose that the stones were brought to signal aliens!



Word Scramble:

D L E G N N A

Stonehenge is located in this European country.

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O O S I A H R C G T L E A

A person who discovers, collects, and analyzes material remains of a past culture

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N O E H T S E E G N

The name of the stone gathering constructed around 3100 BC

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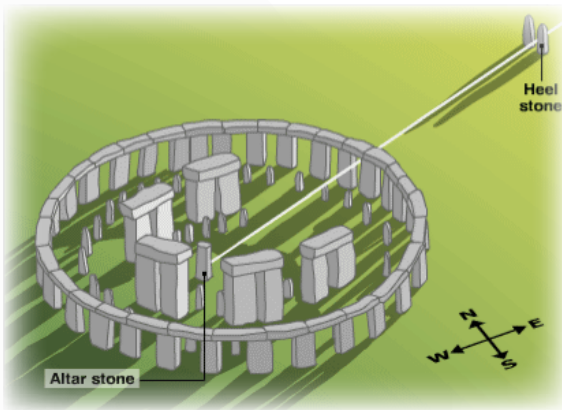
A word to describe an early in the history of the world or of humankind

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Question & Answer:

1. Why do you think Stonehenge was built? Your theory can be as silly or serious as you want.

2. The tallest stone at Stonehenge is 22 feet tall! Imagine you're helping construct Stonehenge way back in 3100 BC. How would you move such a heavy stone? Would you get your friends or animals to help push or would you try and build some of sort device to ease the load?



Travellers typically visit the Stonehenge to see the sun rise. The Heel Stone and Altar Stone, set outside the main circle, align with the rising sun.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stonehenge is considered by many archeologists and astrologists as a flawless design from a geometrical and mathematical point of view. It's design was extremely precise in it's day, marking the alignment of the moon and the sun as well as certain weather periods.