

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		hengesh, stone circles, rich burials	
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
8,400			Britain an island
11,100	Star Carr		
11,600	Late Palaeolithic	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