

Through the Ages



Innovate journal



Innovate challenge

You are part of a team of archaeologists who have uncovered an ancient burial site containing a number of human remains. Use the sources of evidence provided to write a report on the burial site for the journal *Archaeology Today*. Let's get started!

Complete these tasks:

1. Describe the location of the ancient burial site.
2. Identify the artefacts found in the grave and record the information that they provide.
3. Investigate the human remains found in the grave.
4. Decide why these people travelled to the site.
5. Use the evidence collected to decide when these people might have lived.
6. Use the evidence collected to decide what jobs these people might have done.

Outcome

Use your findings to write a short report about the ancient burial site for the journal *Archaeology Today*.





1. Describe the location of the ancient burial site using the map.



Where is the burial site located?

What is the name of the ancient monument on the map?

Why do you think the bodies might have been buried here?

What other burial has been discovered in this area?





2. A number of artefacts were discovered in the grave. Identify the artefacts and think about and record what information they provide.

Artefact	What is it?	What information does it provide?
		
		
		
		

Images from: Flickr/Wessex Archaeology

Useful words

- arrowhead
- Bell Beaker pot
- boar's tusk
- bone toggle





3. The grave contained the bones of several people, including adults and children. Investigate the human remains found in the grave.



The skulls are all similar in shape and have the same unusual bone structure. What might this tell us about the group of people buried in this grave?



Describe how the bones are arranged in the grave. Why do you think they were lying like this?

Why might adults and children have been buried in the same grave?





4. Scientists studied the teeth found in the grave. Read the evidence and decide why you think these people travelled to the site.

Scientific evidence

Chemical analysis showed that all the people in the grave had grown up in Wales.

What reasons might these people have had for travelling to Wiltshire?

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

Which reason do you think is the most likely? Reason _____

Why do you think this?





5. Use the evidence collected to decide when these people might have lived.

Tick the time period when you think these people lived:

Tick **one**

Palaeolithic: c750,000–c10,000 BC

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Mesolithic: c10,000–c4000 BC

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Neolithic: c4000–c2500 BC

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Bronze Age: c2500–c800 BC

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Iron Age: c800 BC–AD 43

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Explain why you chose this date.





6. Use the evidence collected to decide what jobs these people might have done.

Possible occupation	Is this likely?	Evidence
Farmer		
Potter		
Metalworker		
Builder		



Use the information in your journal to write a short report for *Archaeology Today*, describing your ideas about the people buried in the grave.

