



**CLASS: V**

**Subject: Social Studies**

**Date:28/05/2020**

**Topic: The Life of the Early Humans-The Stone Age**

**Time Limit: 30 Mins**

***Worksheet No. : 9***

*[Copy the questions following the notes and solve them on a sheet of paper date wise. Keep the worksheets ready in a file to be submitted on the opening day.]*

### **THE NEOLITHIC PERIOD OR THE NEW STONE AGE**

The meaning of 'neo' is new in Greek. The Neolithic or the New Stone Age began around 10,000 BCE and lasted till about 4000 BCE .This age witnessed several discoveries and inventions that transformed the lives of people.

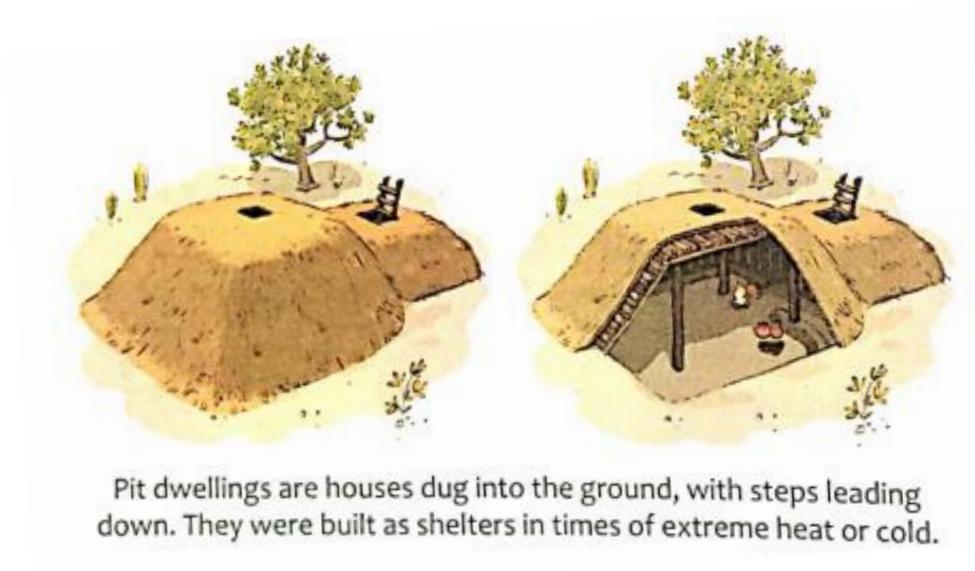
#### **Lifestyle**

The most remarkable change that took place in this age was the advent of agriculture and livestock rearing. Humans started cultivating land and growing

crops like corn, wheat and barley. They were also able to produce extra food for times of emergency. Neolithic people also started domesticating animals like cows, oxen, bulls, dogs and donkeys, and using them to fulfil their various needs- cows were used for milk, donkeys for carrying loads and bulls for ploughing their fields.

With the invention of agriculture, human beings began to realise the importance of settling down more permanently in places close to water bodies. So they started building stronger huts out of mud, stones, reeds and branches of trees. They also began to live in pit dwellings which became a regular feature of this age. During this period, humans also began to weave clothes out of cotton and wool to replace clothes made out of rough animal skins of the previous ages.

**Pit dwellings** are houses dug into the ground, with steps leading down. They were built as shelters in times of extreme heat or cold.



## Tools

The advent of agriculture in this age led people to devise better and more effective tools. Thus, sickles and reaping knives for harvesting, ploughs for digging the land and grinding stones for processing cereals and other plant food were invented.

With a more settled life, people of this age also began to find time to engage in activities like pottery and weaving. Instead of animals skins or grass baskets, they began to use clay pottery for cooking and for storing food because it lasted longer and could withstand high temperature while cooking.

## **ASSIGNMENT**

### **A. Name the following:-**

1. A member of a group of people who move from one place to another in search of pasture for their animals-----
2. Taming of animals-----
3. Houses dug into the ground, with steps leading down-----

### **Choose the correct option.**

1. It is believed that the sharpening of stone tools may have led to the discovery of: a] the wheel b] fire c] pottery d] gravity
2. The main metal used during the Chalcolithic Age was  
a] iron b] copper c] gold d] silver

### **Answer the following:-**

1. In the old stone age, what were the stone tools used for? How did their use change in the Mesolithic and Neolithic Ages?
2. For what purposes did people use clay pottery and why?