

Worksheet S6.1.1

To distinguish between B.C. and A.D. in order to understand when the first people came to Malta. Also, to discuss why they started to live here.

A: Kevin and Sandra investigate THE COURSE OF HISTORY. (writing by Leonard Grech)

Read and answer.



We are twins and we are eleven years old. Our parents are thirty-five years old. Not too far from our home live our grandmother and grandfather. They are a bit old but they are still fairly healthy. In the same house together with our grandparents lives our great grandfather. He is very old because he is eighty six years old. However he always says: "Eighty six years are not a lot. My mother died when she was almost a hundred years old."

One day, our great grandfather told us: "Imagine you are seeing Jesus as you are seeing me. How old do you think he is?"

I, Kevin, was going to get confused, but Sandra immediately answered: "Christmas reminds us of the birth of Jesus. With every Christmas a new year comes. If I could see Jesus the way I am seeing you, He would be about two thousand years old."

Our great grandfather promptly replied: "Do you see how young I still am, I am not even a hundred years old." Our great grandfather is right because even our teacher told us the same thing. Jesus was born many years ago but, I wonder how many people there were who, like Moses, were born long before Jesus!

Imagine how old the first people who came to Malta would look were they still alive! These came before Jesus and way before Moses.

1. Who was born first, Jesus or Moses? _____
2. When did the first people arrive in Malta, before the birth of Jesus or after the birth of Jesus?

3. The years before Jesus was born are referred to as B. _____. The years after the birth of Jesus are referred to as _____.D.
4. Mention a man or a boy who lived before Jesus: _____
5. Mention a woman or a girl who lived after Jesus: _____

B: Kevin and Sandra discover THE FIRST PEOPLE IN MALTA.

Read and answer.

Kevin: Look at what is written here, Sandra!

Sandra: What does it say, Kevin?

Kevin: Here it says the first people that came to Malta were people similar to us and not monkeys.



Remember these points about the first people that came to Malta:

- They were women, men, children and babies similar to us.
- They were as intelligent as us.
- They laughed, cried, were sometimes happy and at other times in a bad mood.
- The children played and the adults worked.
- They came from Sicily on a raft or a boat.
- They were good sailors.
- They used to talk but we do not know in what language.

- They did not know how to write and so, we call their period the Prehistoric Age.
- They did not know that metals existed, such as tin, copper, iron and others.
- The tools of these people were made of stone and so we call them people of the Stone Age.

Kevin: So, didn't these people know that wood existed?

Sandra: Of course they had wood. This comes from trees. Wood was really important for the peoples who lived before us.

1. The first people who came to Malta were from Sicily. How did they know that Malta existed?

2. Mention some reasons why wood was essential for the first people of Malta.

3. What types of tools do you think these people used?

4. Besides tools they also had weapons. What use did these people have for weapons?

5. What type of weapons do you think they used?

6. Draw a tool and a weapon they used.



7. **Reliving the past:** Imagine that you and your family are living in the prehistory period in Sicily and you all decided to come to Malta. Tomorrow you will begin your journey. Write a dialogue together with your classmates to make a short play. Divide the character's parts between you (the father, mother, daughter, son, etc.). You can talk about:

- The reason for travelling
- The weather
- The dangers at sea
- What you will take with you
- What you will find in Malta