

**Worksheet S6.1.5**

We see why people of the Bronze Age were different from the people before them.

**Kevin and Sandra investigate THE BRONZE AGE**

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**Read and answer.**

Sandra: In the Temples Period the building skill was well developed despite all the limitations the people of that time had. The Tarxien Temples were the last temples built and they have the most beautiful works in stone the people of the time were capable of doing



Kevin: It is truly unfortunate that this culture ended completely. For some reason, these people left Malta or were eradicated. Perhaps there was no longer enough rain and it brought a severe drought.

Sandra: It is possible; or maybe these talented people fell ill and they all died.

Archaeologists think that for about 200 years there were no people in Malta.

Then new people came and they call these people of the Bronze Age.

**Remember these points about the Bronze Age:**

- Bronze is a metal that is a mixture of copper and tin.
- The Bronze Age people did not build new temples (but they used the Tarxien Temples left by the people before them).
- They did not have the same religion as the people of Temples Period.
- They burned their dead and the residues left were put under a dolmen.
- They used to make large standing stones called menhir.
- They lived in turbulent times because archaeologists found remains relating to war, such as knives, weapons and fortified places in Borġ in-Nadur (Birżebbuġa) and Baħrija.



*menhir*

1. Why do you think the people of the Bronze Age burned their dead?

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2. What did they do after burning their dead?

*dolmen*

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3. Why do you think they made large standing stones like the menhir?

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4. Why do you think they built fortified places?

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5. Mention two differences between the people who built the Temples and the people of the Bronze Age.

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