Europe

Mousterian

Location: Europe and the Middle East.
Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with Homo neanderthalensis
OAT code: 0025  OWC code: E025
Years BP: 200000 - 40000

Aurignacian

Location: Europe.
Description: Nomadic big-game hunters. Manufactured bone tools and portable art.
OAT code: 3005  OWC code: E030
Years BP: 40000 - 25000

Perigordian

Location: Europe.
Description: Nomadic big-game hunters. Spreads across Europe by 25,000 BP.
OAT code: 3010  OWC code: E033
Years BP: 30000 - 22000

Solutrean

Location: Southern France and Spain.
Description: Nomadic big-game hunters. Manufactured distinctive "laurel" and "willow" leaf projectile points.
OAT code: 3020  OWC code: E035
Years BP: 22000 - 18000

Magdelenian

Location: Western Europe.
Description: Nomadic big-game hunters.
OAT code: 3025  OWC code: E037
Years BP: 18000 - 11000

Eastern European Mesolithic

Location: Eastern Europe from central Russia to the Urals.
Description: Semi-nomadic hunters, fishers, and gatherers.
OAT code: 3030  OWC code: RA55
Years BP: 11000 - 6000

Western European Mesolithic

Location: Northern and western Europe.
Description: Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with an economy focused on deer, elk, and other large game animals.
OAT code: 3040  OWC code: E040
Years BP: 11000 - 6000
Southeastern European Mesolithic  
Years BP: 11000 - 8000

Location: Italy, Greece, Anatolia, Islands of the Mediterranean.
Description: Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers with an economy focused on marine resources. Collected grains also important.

OAT code: 3045  OWC code: E070

Southeastern European Neolithic  
Years BP: 8000 - 6500

Location: Greece, Turkey, and southern Italy, Islands of the Mediterranean.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small villages.

OAT code: 3050  OWC code: E072

Impressed Ware  
Years BP: 6800 - 6000

Location: Northern coast of the Mediterranean.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small villages.

OAT code: 3060  OWC code: E051

Linear Pottery  
Years BP: 6500 - 6000

Location: Northern and western Europe.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in villages composed of longhouses. Social differentiation is present.

OAT code: 3065  OWC code: E044

European Megalithic  
Years BP: 6000 - 4500

Location: Western Europe.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small villages.

OAT code: 3075  OWC code: E047

Corded Ware  
Years BP: 6000 - 3800

Location: Central and eastern Europe.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small villages.

OAT code: 3080  OWC code: E061

Bell Beaker  
Years BP: 4500 - 3800

Location: Western Europe.
Description: The Bell Beaker Tradition includes sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in the temperate areas of Western Europe between roughly 4500 BP and 3800 BP. The Bell Beaker peoples lived in small villages and developed a chieftain form of political organization.

OAT code: 3085  OWC code: E050
European Early Bronze Age

**Location:** Central and eastern Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small villages.

**OAT code:** 3090  **OWC code:** E063

**Years BP:** 4700 - 3800

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Western European Earlier Bronze Age

**Location:** Western Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in villages with a ranked form of social organization.

**OAT code:** 3095  **OWC code:** E052

**Years BP:** 3800 - 3300

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Western European Late Bronze Age

**Location:** Western Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in villages, some very large. Increasing social differentiation is present but with great regional diversity.

**OAT code:** 3100  **OWC code:** E053

**Years BP:** 3300 - 2800

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West-Central European Early Iron Age

**Location:** Western and central Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states.

**OAT code:** 3105  **OWC code:** E056

**Years BP:** 2800 - 2400

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West-Central European Late Iron Age

**Location:** Western and central Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states. Ends in the historic period with the expansion of the Roman Empire under Julius Cesar and Augustus.

**OAT code:** 3110  **OWC code:** E057

**Years BP:** 2400 - 2033

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Northeastern European Bronze Age

**Location:** Central and eastern Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in villages, some very large. Increasing social differentiation is present but with great regional diversity.

**OAT code:** 3115  **OWC code:** E065

**Years BP:** 3800 - 2800

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Northeastern European Iron Age

**Location:** Eastern Europe north and west of the Carpathians.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states, including the Dacians. Ends in the historic period with the expansion of the Roman Empire.

**OAT code:** 3120  **OWC code:** E067

**Years BP:** 2800 - 2000
East-Central European Iron Age

**Location:** East-Central Europe including the southern Danube and Carpathian basins.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states, including the Thracians. Ends in the historic period with the expansion of the Roman Empire.

**OAT code:** 3125  
**OWC code:** E068

Southeastern European Early Chalcolithic

**Years BP:** 6500 - 5500

**Location:** Greece, Turkey, and southern Italy, Islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages with a ranked or simple stratified form of social organization.

**OAT code:** 3130  
**OWC code:** E074

Southeastern Europe Late Chalcolithic

**Years BP:** 5500 - 4500

**Location:** Greece, Turkey, and Southern Italy, Islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages with a stratified form of social organization.

**OAT code:** 3131  
**OWC code:** E075

Southeastern European Bronze Age

**Years BP:** 5100 - 3100

**Location:** Greece, Turkey, and southern Italy, Islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in city-states with a complex bureaucracy and market system. Ends in the historic period with the rise of Greco-Roman civilization.

**OAT code:** 3135  
**OWC code:** E076

Scandinavian Neolithic

**Years BP:** 6000 - 3800

**Location:** Scandinavia.

**Description:** Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers with supplemental agriculture and animal husbandry in some areas. Lived in small villages with some social differentiation.

**OAT code:** 3140  
**OWC code:** E083

Scandinavian Bronze Age

**Years BP:** 3800 - 2500

**Location:** Scandinavia.

**Description:** Settled agriculturalists living in villages, some large. Political organization in the form of complex chiefdoms and simple states. Evidence of both craft specialization and social stratification in some areas.

**OAT code:** 3145  
**OWC code:** E085

Roman Iron Age

**Years BP:** 2033 - 1500

**Location:** Northern parts of western Europe.

**Description:** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states. Continues into the historic period.

**OAT code:** 3150  
**OWC code:** E059
Scandinavian Iron Age

Location: Extreme northern Europe.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states. Continues into the historic period.

OAT code: 3155  OWC code: E087

Years BP: 2500 - 1500

Romano-British

Location: British Islands.
Description: Sedentary agriculturalists living in simple states. Continues into the historic period.

OAT code: 3165  OWC code: ES71

Years BP: 2100 - 1500

Eurasian Steppe Nomad

Location: Steppes north of the Caucasus and south of the Urals.
Description: Semi-nomadic pastoralists.

OAT code: 4405  OWC code: RA60

Years BP: 6500 - 4000