Europe

Mousterian *Years BP*: 200000 - 40000

Location: Europe and the Middle East.

Description: Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with Homo

neanderthalensis

OAT code: 0025 OWC code: E025

Aurignacian Years BP: 40000 - 25000

Location: Europe.

Description: Nomadic big-game hunters. Manufactured bone tools and portable art.

OAT code: 3005 OWC code: E030

Perigordian Years BP: 30000 - 22000

Location: Europe.

Description: Nomadic big-game hunters. Spreads across Europe by 25,000 BP.

OAT code: 3010 *OWC code*: E033

Solutrean *Years BP*: 22000 - 18000

Location: Southern France and Spain.

Description: Nomadic big-game hunters. Manufactured distinctive "laurel" and "willow" leaf

projectile points.

OAT code: 3020 *OWC code*: E035

Magdelenian Years BP: 18000 - 11000

Location: Western Europe.

Description: Nomadic big-game hunters.

OAT code: 3025 OWC code: E037

Eastern European Mesolithic Years BP: 11000 - 6000

Location: Eastern Europe from central Russia to the Urals. Description: Semi-nomadic hunters, fishers, and gatherers.

OAT code: 3030 OWC code: RA55

Western European Mesolithic Years BP: 11000 - 6000

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

Southeastern European Mesolithic

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:

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 chiefdom form of political organization.

OAT code: 3085

OWC code: E050

European Early Bronze Age

Years BP:

4700 - 3800

Location: Central and eastern Europe.

Description: Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small

villages.

OAT code: 3090

OWC code: E063

Western European Earlier Bronze Age

Years BP:

3800 - 3300

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

Western European Late Bronze Age

Years BP:

3300 - 2800

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

West-Central European Early Iron Age

Years BP:

2800 - 2400

Location: Western and central Europe.

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

OAT code: 3105

OWC code: E056

West-Central European Late Iron Age

Years BP:

2400 - 2033

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

Northeastern European Bronze Age

Years BP:

3800 - 2800

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

Northeastern European Iron Age

Years BP:

2800 - 2000

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

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:

Years BP:

6500 - 5500

2800 - 2000

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

Years BP:

2500 - 1500

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

Romano-British

Years BP:

2100 - 1500

Location:

British Islands.

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

OAT code: 3165

OWC code: ES71

Eurasian Steppe Nomad

Years BP:

6500 - 4000

Steppes north of the Caucasus and south of the Urals.

Description: Semi-nomadic pastoralists.

OAT code: 4405

OWC code: RA60