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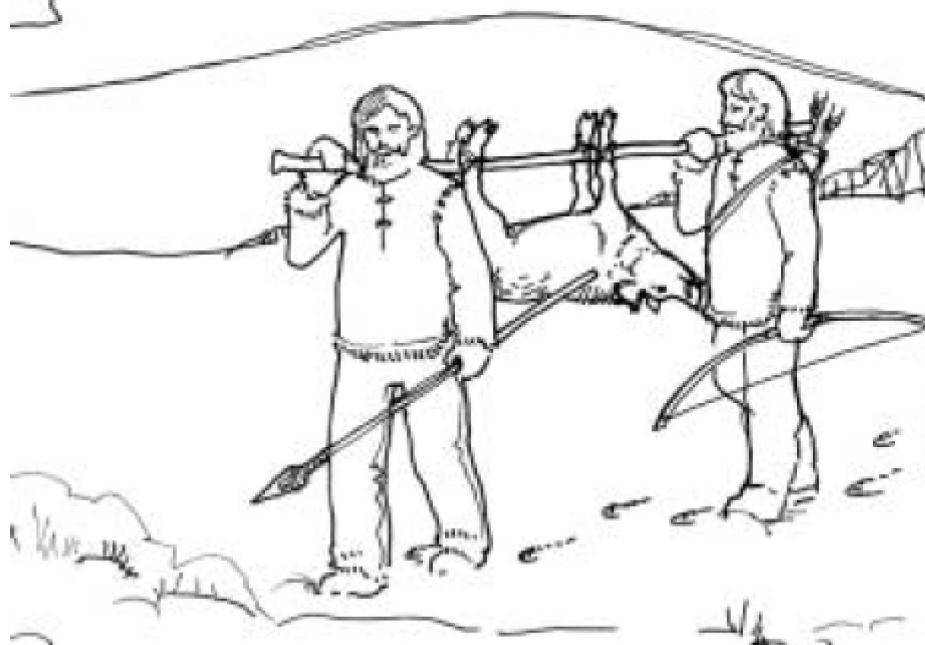
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Stone Age hunters arrived in Ireland nine thousand years ago. They lived by hunting wild animals, fishing and gathering wild plants and berries.

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Stone Age hunters used bow and arrows and spears to hunt wild animals like this wild pig

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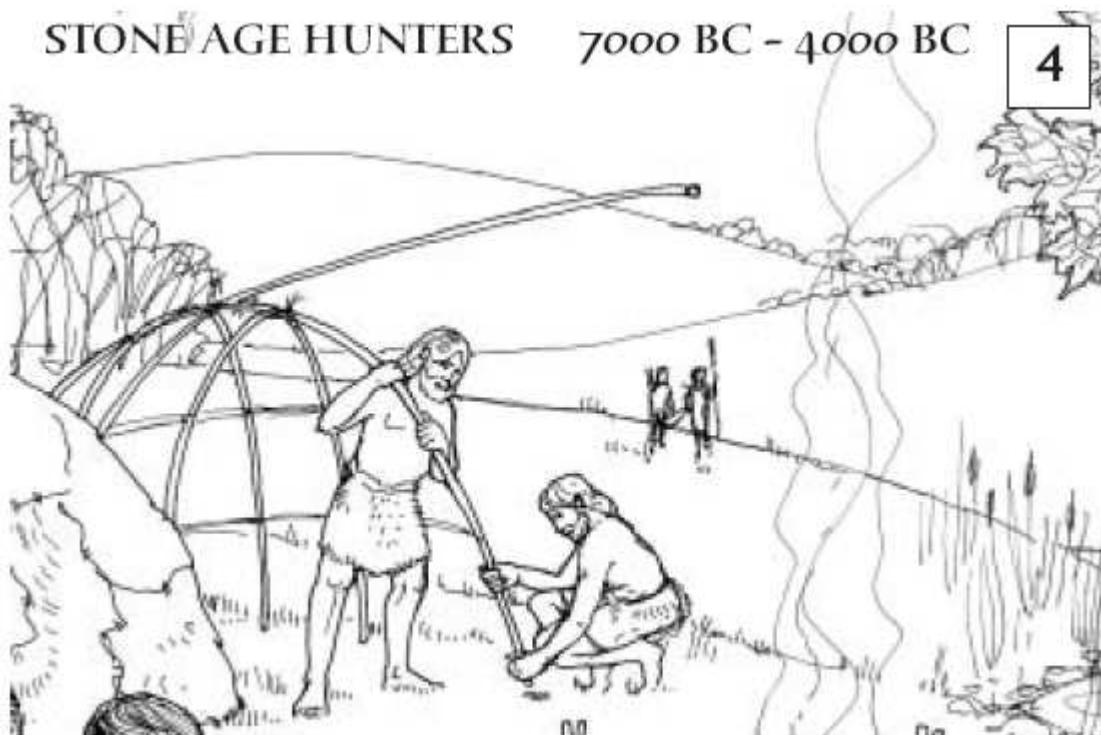
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Stone Age hunters made tools and weapons of flint.
Flint is a hard stone that makes a sharp edge.

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Stone Age hunters lived in huts made of wooden poles and animal skins.

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Stone Age hunters picked wild fruit and berries for food

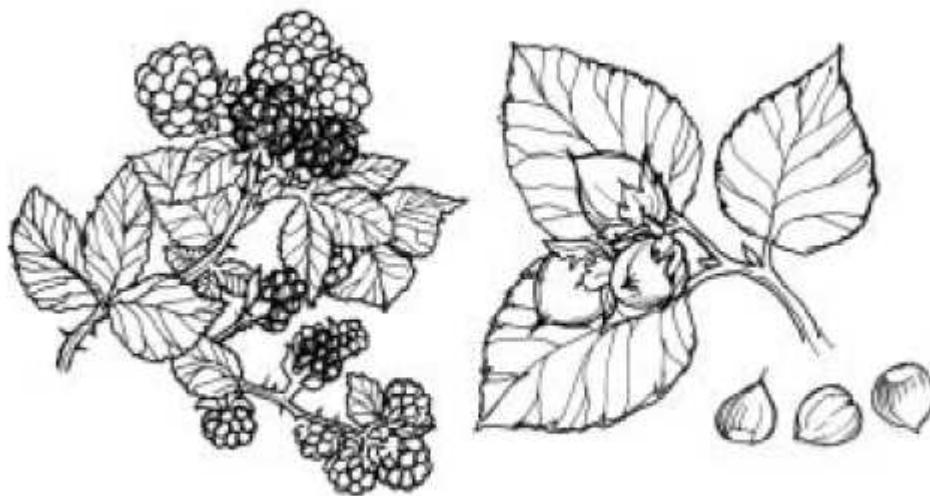
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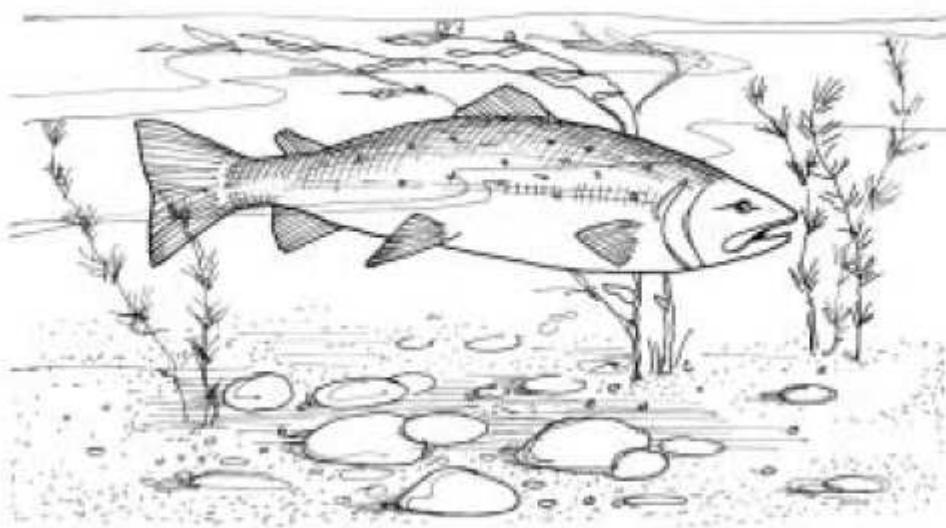


Stone Age hunters collected birds eggs for food.



Stone Age hunters gathered wild nuts and berries,
like blackberries and hazelnuts

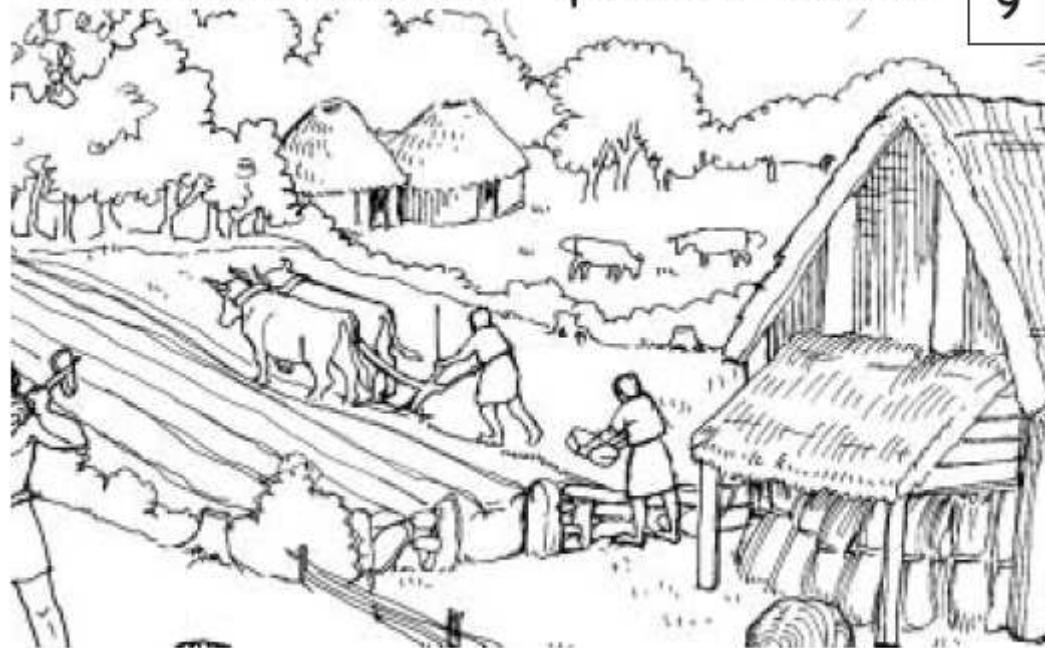
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Stone Age hunters caught fish, like salmon and trout

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Stone Age farmers came to Ireland six thousand years ago

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Stone Age farmers grew wheat and barley. The crops were reaped, threshed and ground by hand.

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Stone Age farmers cut down the forests to make fields. They used stone axes to chop down trees.

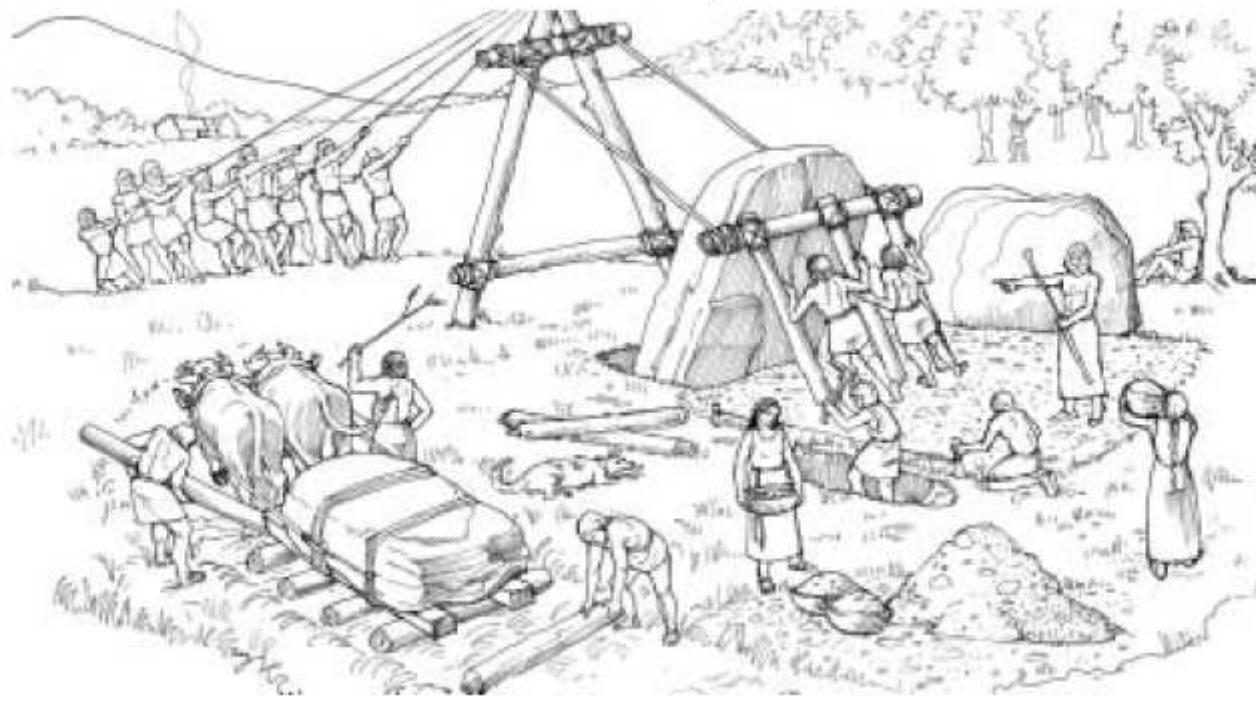
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The first potters in Ireland were Stone Age farmers. They used pots to store and cook food.

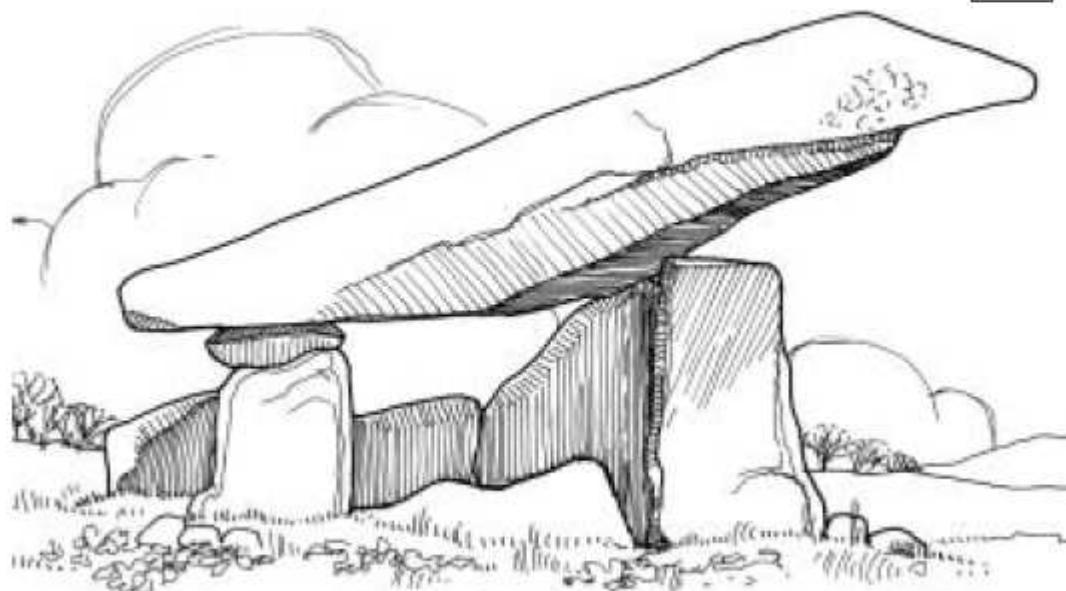
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Stone Age farmers built tombs for the dead using large stones. They were very skilled at moving and lifting large stones.

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This is a megalithic tomb built by the first farmers. It is called a portal tomb.



The Stone Age farmers liked to decorate some of the stones in their tombs. This is the entrance stone of the passage tomb at Newgrange, Co. Meath.