

Brú na Bóinne

Newgrange, Knowth & Dowth

This work sheet is suitable for primary school children
The answers can be found in the exhibition of the Visitor Centre

- 1) Along the pathway to the Visitor Centre there are plants and shrubs which were growing in the Boyne Valley during the Stone Age. Can you give the Irish name for the following plants?

Ivy
Guelder-rose
Whitethorn
Scots Pine

- 2) What year did the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre open?
- 3) What year was Brú na Bóinne inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site List?
- 4) What type of building do we have in the Boyne Valley from the Stone Age?
- 5) What were these buildings used for?
- 6) Why is this period of history called THE STONE AGE ?
- 7) Can you identify all the different types of Megalithic (big stone) monuments depicted on the brightly coloured silk hangings?

- (i)
(ii)
(iii)
(iv)
(v)
(vi)
(vii)



- 8) On the map can you show where the monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth are located?



Dowth



Newgrange



Knowth

- 9) Brú na Bóinne is one of four large passage-tomb complexes in Ireland. Can you name the other three?

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)

- 10) Passage tombs are found elsewhere in Europe. Can you name two other passage-tomb regions?

- (i)
- (ii)

- 11) Can you see the three small models of Newgrange? How many of the smaller tombs can you see?

- 12) Find the model of the Boyne Valley 5,000 years ago. Can you see the fishermen? How did they catch the fish?



- 13) What type of boats did the Stone Age people use?
- 14) What are the wooden houses covered in?
- 15) The people of the Boyne Valley in the Stone Age were farmers and hunters. What type of food did they get from.....

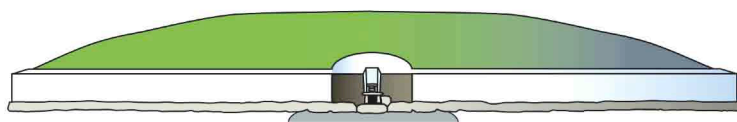
FARMING?

HUNTING?

- 16) What did the Stone Age people do to the bodies of the dead before they put them in the tombs?
- 17) Find the replica of the Macehead from Knowth and draw it.

18) How did the Stone Age people transport the megaliths?

19) How far did they have to bring them?



In the Art Room, look at the photographs of the carved stones. Which one do you like best?

Can you copy some of these symbols?

SPIRAL

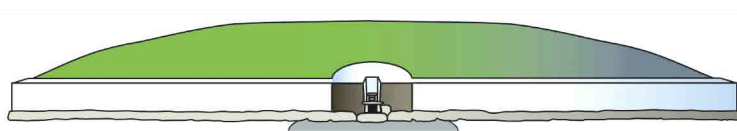
LOZENGE

CHEVRON

From the panel of all the motifs (symbols) draw three different ones.

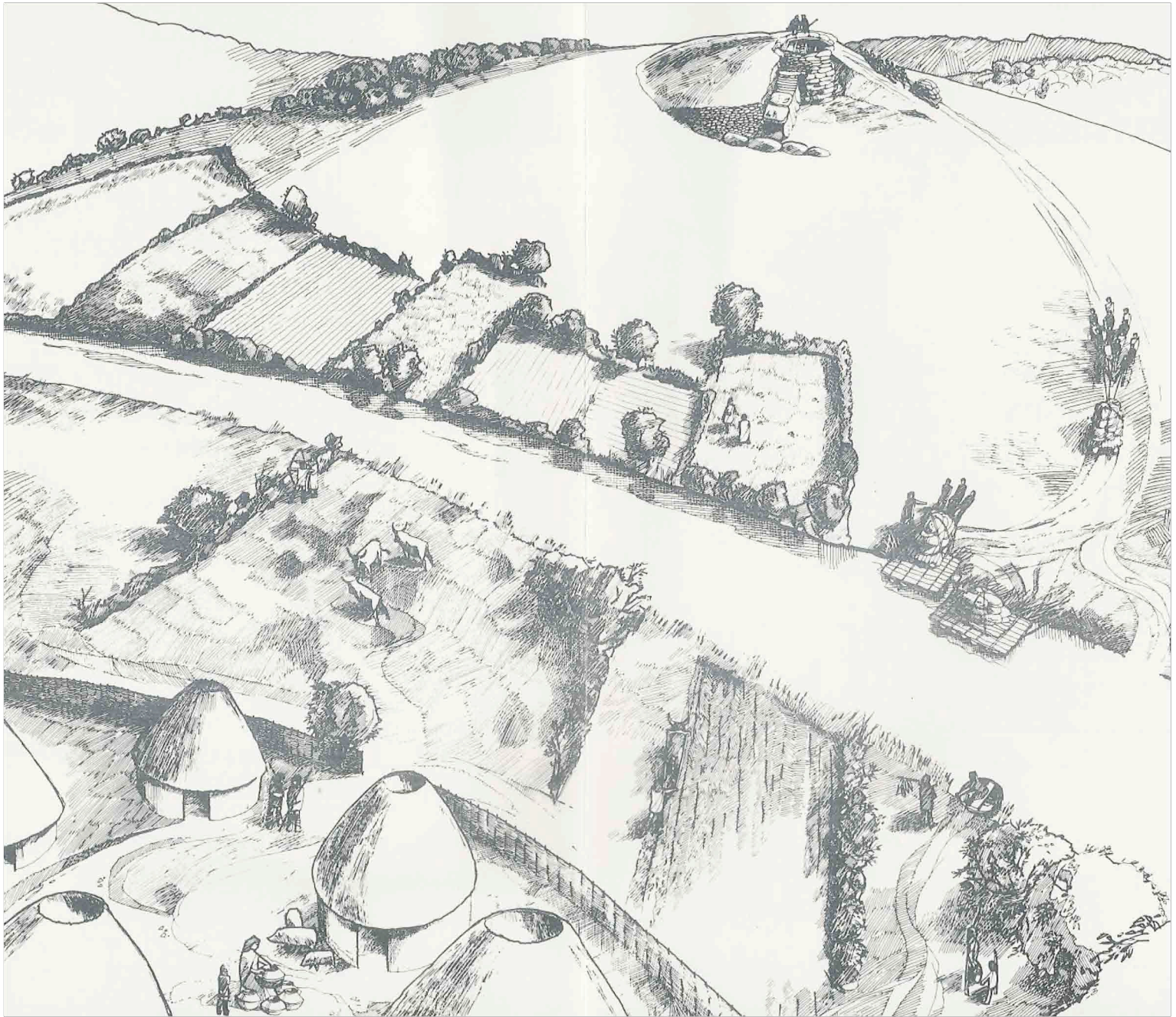
Newgrange and the Sun

A very special event occurs at Newgrange involving the Sun. Can you describe what happens? What time of the year does this event occur? What time of the day?



Back at School

Colour in this drawing of Newgrange being built



Draw the Newgrange Entrance Stone

