

# Research

## **Features... Describe the object...**

- What size is it?
- What shape is it?
- What colour is it?
- How rough/smooth is it?
- Does it have any markings/designs on it?
- Is there anything else we need to add to describe it?
- Is it intact (with no parts missing)? OR
- Has part of it disappeared since the Bronze Age?
- How can we tell if the object is intact or not:
  - from its appearance?
  - from background knowledge?
  - from research investigation?
- If part of the original object is missing, make a drawing of what it originally looked like.

## **Do we know what it was used for and how?**

- Do we know what it was used for (e.g. as a tool, weapon, item of clothing, item of jewellery)?
- Did it have more than one use?
- Are we certain in our knowledge of what it was used for OR are we making an educated guess?
- Are objects like this still used by people today?
- How do we know what it was used for? OR on what evidence are we basing our educated guess about its use?

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## **Manufacture...**

- Do we know how it was made?
- What do we know – or what educated guesses have archaeologists made – about how this object was made?
- How do we know how it was made?
- On what evidence is our knowledge of how the object was made based?
- What can we infer from this object about the skill of the object maker?
- What is it about the making of this object that required skill on the part of the maker?
- Is the type of skill involved one that we no longer need in the 21st century or is it a skill that is still in use today?

## **What can we infer from this object about the following aspects of the lives of the people of the Bronze Age?**

- the landscape in which they lived.
- the types of work they did.
- whether they traded with people who lived outside their own area.
- whether their lives were peaceful or violent.
- what was important to them (what their values were).