

# Paleolithic vs. Neolithic Comparison Chart

	<b>Neolithic</b>	<b>Paleolithic</b>
<b>Meaning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neo=new; Lithic=stone.</li> </ul> <p>Neolithic era is also call the New Stone age.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paleo=old; Lithic=stone. The Paelolithic era is also called the Old Stone age.</li> </ul>
<b>Dwelling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mud bricks supported by timber</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mouths of caves, huts, skin tents</li> </ul>
<b>Lifestyle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sedentary -They farmed in permanent settlements and raised/herded animals; agriculture was discovered and became a major source of food; families evolved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomadic; in groups of up to 50; tribal society; hunters and gatherers</li> </ul>
<b>Tools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polished stone tools made sharper by grinding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chipped stone, wooden weapons, ligh stone tools (not sharpened)</li> </ul>
<b>Clothes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal skins, woven garments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal skins</li> </ul>
<b>Governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military and religious leaders had authority. Monarchy emerged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tribal society. Clan controlled by elders or the powerful (according to age)</li> </ul>
<b>Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concept of private property and ownership emerged for things such as land, livestock and tools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no concept of private property.</li> </ul>
<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neolithic people were shorter and had lower life expectancy.</li> <li>• Diseases like tooth cavities and typhoid emerged in the new stone age.</li> <li>• Neolithic women had more children because the life style was no longer nomadic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paleolithic people were taller and live longer than Neolithic people.</li> </ul>
<b>Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wall paintings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cave paintings</li> </ul>
<b>Sculpture material</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stone, clay (baked)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stone, mammoth ivory, reindeer horn</li> </ul>
<b>Main Discovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture and tools with polished stones, the plow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire; Rough stone tools</li> </ul>

