

Stonehenge

Name _____



Stonehenge is one of the most mysterious monuments in the world. Located near Salisbury, England, Stonehenge features a ring of large, standing stones known as megaliths. Considering Stonehenge is about 4,000 – 4,500 years old, scientists still aren't sure how the people of that time moved and positioned the stones. The stones are thought to weigh about 25 tons (50,000 pounds). Scientists are also unsure of what Stonehenge was meant to represent or how it was used, though many ideas exist. Some believe Stonehenge was used as an ancient observatory, others believe it was built as a permanent stone symbol of the more numerous wooden structures that were built in the area, and still others believe it was an ancient alien landing site!

1. Scientists believe... (circle all that are true)

- A. Stonehenge may have been an ancient observatory
- B. Stonehenge may have been a permanent stone symbol of wooden structures
- C. Stonehenge may have been an ancient alien landing site
- D. Stonehenge may have been a place where fires were lit

2. Which of the following are scientists not sure about? (Circle all that true)

- A. The exact location of Stonehenge
- B. How its builders moved the stones
- C. How much the stones weigh
- D. The exact age of Stonehenge

3. What word is closest in meaning to “mysterious” as used in the following sentence?

When Jefferson won the election, Adams returned to his Massachusetts to live in virtual seclusion with Abigail, his wife.

- A. Small
- B. Real
- C. Interesting
- D. Puzzling

4. What could be title for this passage?

- A. Monuments in England
- B. Large Stones in England
- C. The Mystery of Stonehenge
- D. The Aliens of Stonehenge