

# Iron Age Storytelling

During the Iron Age, stories were an important form of entertainment. Imagine having no electricity – no televisions or computers or mobile phones!

You'd want your stories to be good ones. Stories would have helped families to pass their **family history** from one generation to the next. They must also have been a way to be creative or to teach lessons about life.

It must have been very atmospheric **sitting around the fire** in your roundhouse, telling stories.

Use this sheet to help you create your own.

## Planning your story

You're going to tell a simple story about a family member.

It can be real or you can make it up.

Start with: You won't believe what ..... did!

Think about something that has happened – it can be something very simple, like:

- walking into a wall
- dropping the shopping
- sneezing loudly somewhere that is supposed to be quiet



Brainstorm – what could you say your family member has done and why is it funny / surprising / memorable?



When you have planned your simple story, see if you can make it more interesting to listen to.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to tell it in a way that builds suspense – don't give away what actually happened straight away.
- Can you describe the setting? Could you make it sound eerie or funny or atmospheric?
- Can you think of a line that your listeners could join in with?
- Can you add a symbol, like a colour, to add extra meaning to your story?

Now, practise telling your simple story until you're happy – remember it will be slightly different with each telling!

Your ideas