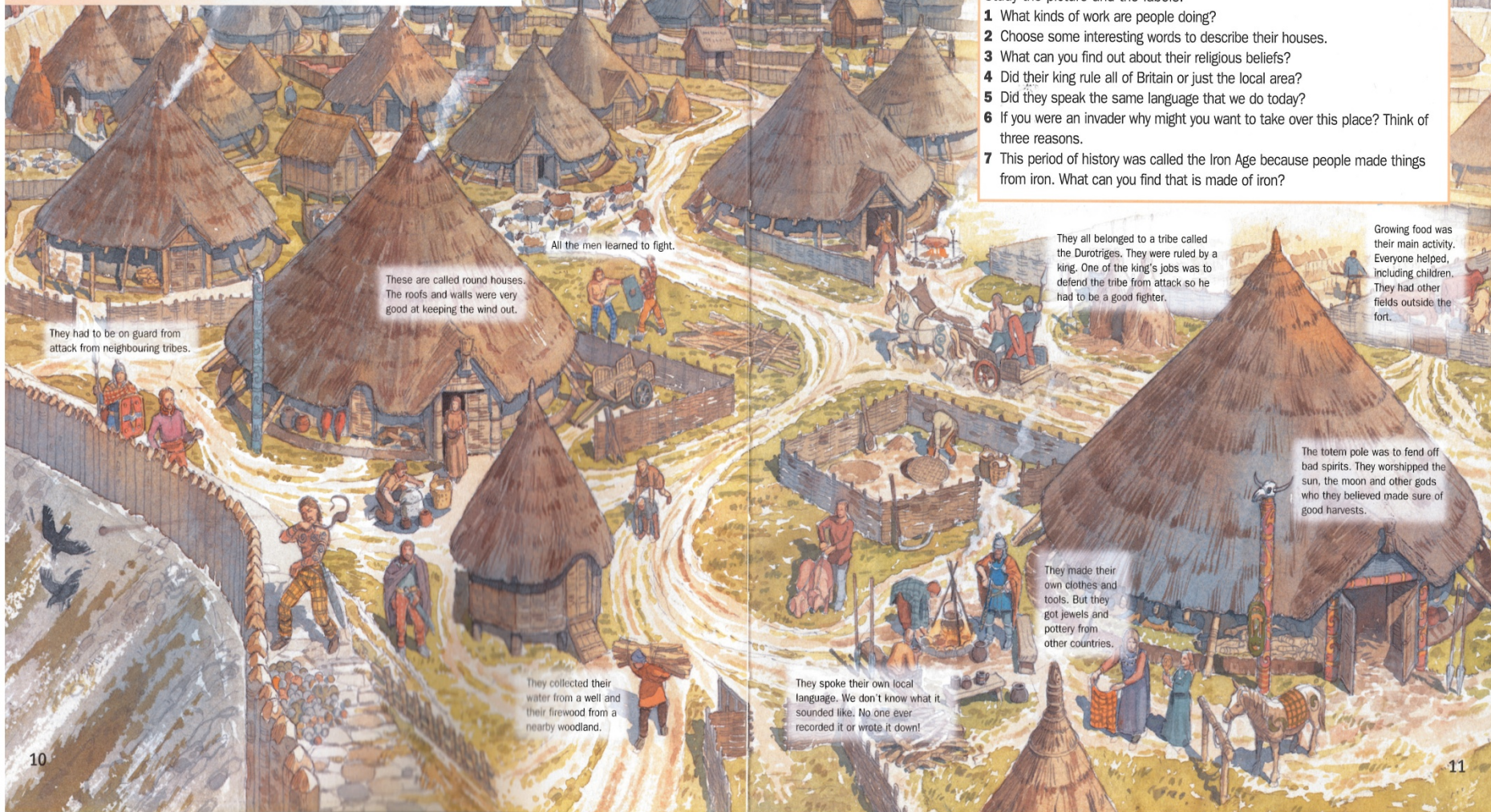




## A quick history of Britain before 1066

Sometimes you do history in depth – digging down into the detail. Sometimes you do history in overview. This is an overview. On the next eight pages there are 1000 years of British history and three groups of invaders – the Romans, Saxons and Normans. Your task is to decide who made the biggest difference to life in Britain. And remember – this is quick history!



These huts were for storing corn for the winter. They had enough food for the winter thanks to their good farmland.

### ACTIVITY

Study the picture and the labels.

- 1 What kinds of work are people doing?
- 2 Choose some interesting words to describe their houses.
- 3 What can you find out about their religious beliefs?
- 4 Did their king rule all of Britain or just the local area?
- 5 Did they speak the same language that we do today?
- 6 If you were an invader why might you want to take over this place? Think of three reasons.
- 7 This period of history was called the Iron Age because people made things from iron. What can you find that is made of iron?

All the men learned to fight.

These are called round houses. The roofs and walls were very good at keeping the wind out.

They had to be on guard from attack from neighbouring tribes.

They all belonged to a tribe called the Durotriges. They were ruled by a king. One of the king's jobs was to defend the tribe from attack so he had to be a good fighter.

Growing food was their main activity. Everyone helped, including children. They had other fields outside the fort.

The totem pole was to fend off bad spirits. They worshipped the sun, the moon and other gods who they believed made sure of good harvests.

They made their own clothes and tools. But they got jewels and pottery from other countries.

They spoke their own local language. We don't know what it sounded like. No one ever recorded it or wrote it down!

They collected their water from a well and their firewood from a nearby woodland.