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- Group of people loosely tied by similar language, religion and cultural expression
- No central government
- Warring tribes
- Gradually came to Britain between 500 and 100 BCE
- Brought iron-working to the British Isles

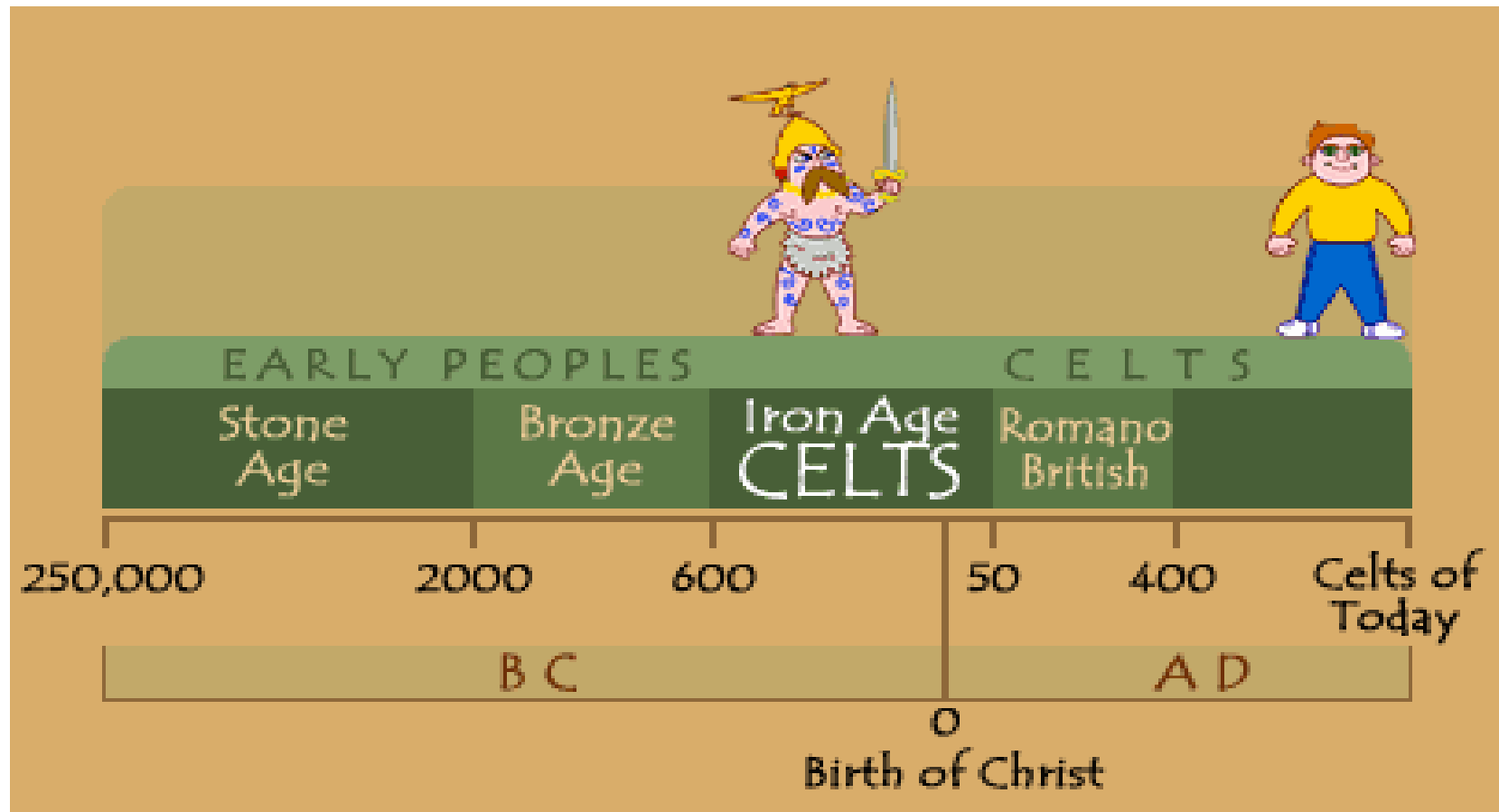


# Celtic Britain

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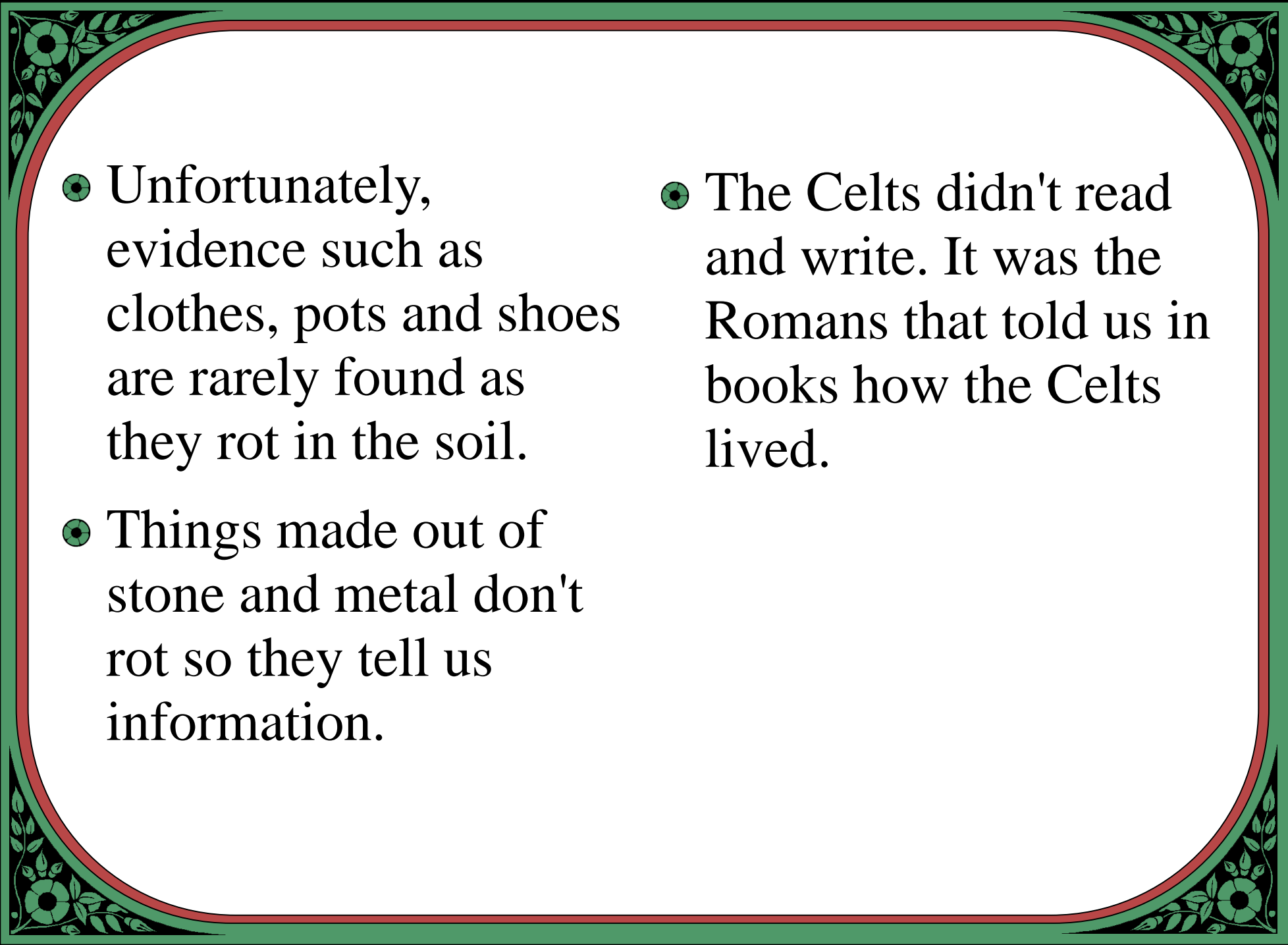
The name 'Iron Age' comes from the discovery of a new metal called iron.



# How do we know information about the Celts?



- Archaeologists are always trying to find evidence but sometimes it gets found accidentally. Some workmen came across a body. The man had been killed 2000 years ago – they still found food in his stomach! His last meal was bread.



- Unfortunately, evidence such as clothes, pots and shoes are rarely found as they rot in the soil.

- Things made out of stone and metal don't rot so they tell us information.

- The Celts didn't read and write. It was the Romans that told us in books how the Celts lived.

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- The Celts lived across most of Europe during the Iron Age.
- People had lived in Britain for thousands of years before the Romans arrived.
- The Celts lived in roundhouses with thatched roofs.





- In the North of Britain they used large stones and clay to make the walls.
- This is a roundhouse being built. There are poles to hold up the thatched roof.
- The settlements are protected by a stone wall with wood.







# The Settlements

- Families lived together in settlements: children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.
- The roundhouses were built in groups. The walls protected them from wolves and wild boar.
- Sometimes groups of houses were built on the top of hills. These were called **hill-forts**.



# STATIONS

- Visit each station and fill out your Celts graphic organizer (chart)
- Complete at least **FOUR** station activities (you choose which)
- Use the information you collected to work on your summative assignment

# BUILDING A ROUNDHOUSE

- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/animations/ironage\\_roundhouse/index\\_embed.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/animations/ironage_roundhouse/index_embed.shtml)