**KEY QUESTION: What do henges teach us about Stone Age beliefs?**

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| **EVIDENCE** | **PICTURE** | **WHAT CAN WE INFER ABOUT STONE AGE PEOPLE’S BELIEFS** |
| Ditches were dug around henges. | Stonehenge | History, Location, Map, & Facts | Britannica | *The ditches aren’t deep enough for defence, so maybe they were just to show where the boundary of the ‘sacred’ site was. Maybe only certain people were allowed inside the boundary, or maybe special clothes had to be worn when people were inside the boundary.*  |
| Henges can be found across the British Isles and in parts of Europe. | stone-circles.org.uk - The Prehistoric Sites of Great Britain |  |
| People started farming at about the same time the henges were built | Neolithic farmers - ThingLink (With images) | Stone age art ... |  |
| Henges are circles | Old European culture: Henges - Rondel enclosures |  |
| Some henges were made using stones that had been carried for hundreds of miles. | Did ancient Brits build Stonehenge II as a temple for human ... |  |
| It took a huge effort and thousands of people working together to make a henge | Building Stonehenge may have taken a thousand years – Historical ... |  |
| Placing stones on top of each other took great skill and complicated technology | A reconstruction showing the raising of a stone in the outer sarsen circle |  |
| Some henges seem to be lined up with the sun on the solstices (the longest and shortest days) | Summer solstice at Stonehenge | Earth | EarthSky |  |
| There are lots of burial mounds near Stonehenge |  |  |
| A skeleton with marks of being sacrificed was found at Stonehenge. | Was Stonehenge an Ancient Burial Ground? - artnet News |  |
| 200 bodies were found cremated in the Aubrey holes at Stonehenge | Old European culture: Henges - Rondel enclosures |  |
| The blue stones might have ‘special sound qualities’ |  |  |
| Other evidence |  |  |

What do you think henges were for?

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