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Stonehenge

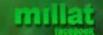
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Vocabulary

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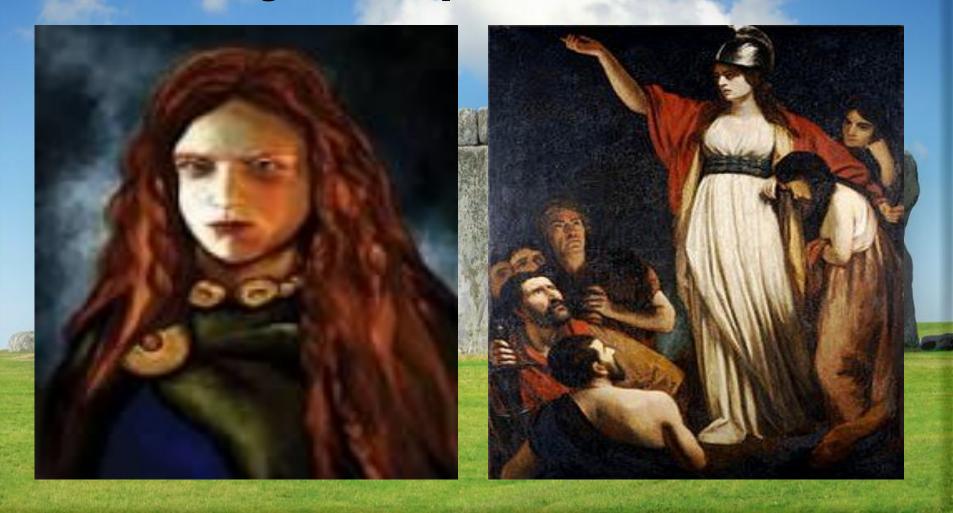
General Overview The great and ancient stone circle of Stonehenge is one of the wonders of the world. It's thought that that the mystical stone circle was built by the Druids to mark her tomb – the old English word 'henge' meaning 'the hanging stones'.

There is nothing quite like Stonehenge anywhere in the world and for 5,000 years it has drawn visitors to it. We shall never know what drew people here over the centuries or why hundreds of people struggled over thousands of years to build this monument (the heaviest of the stones weighs probably about 45 tons), but visitors from all over the world (over 850,000 people a year) come to marvel at this amazing feat of engineering.

Myths and Legends Although great strides have been made in our understanding of the original purpose of Stonehenge we will probably never know its full significance . The aura of mystery has helped to generate many myths and legends about the monument. As a speculation has gone on over the centuries, a whole host of colourful stories has arisen – and the search for explanations is still going strong today.



In the Roman period, it was believed that the British rebel Queen Boudicca had been buried at Stonehenge, and the name Stonehenge originates from the Anglo-Saxon period.



Geoffrey of Monmouth, writing in the 12th century A.D., retells the story that the legendary wizard Merlin commanded an Irish monument called the Giant's Dance to be transported all the way to Salisbury Plain. in 1986 for their outstanding prehistoric monuments is that it was built by extra-terrestrial visitors in ancient times.

Stonehenge and Avebury were inscribed on the World Heritage List One of the most popular modern alternative explanations for Stonehenge At Stonehenge, the unparalleled stone circle (3000 B.C.–1600 B.C.) is surrounded by a ceremonial landscape comprising more than 300 burial mounds and major prehistoric monuments such as the Stonehenge Avenue, the Cursus, Woodhenge and Durrington Walls.





Myths about Stonehenge

One group of historians says that it was an observatory, another group says that the Druids performed rituals in this place, since in the middle of the structure there is a monolith made of green sandstone resembling an altar. There is also an opinion that aliens landed spacecraft on this territory. Each stone is built, weighs about 25 tons. The appearance of the memo is the mystery of the planet, so God

alone knows how this structure was built.





