

# What in the world is a bâton percé?

## Instructions for Teachers

### Activity Overview

Ice Age people made mysterious objects called “perforated batons” (*bâton percé* is the French term). They are usually made from antler and have a large hole drilled near one end. Many are very decorative with carvings of animals on their sides. They are often found broken with a part of the drilled end missing. Some archaeologists think the hole on the end might be for straightening spears. Other think they might be a symbol to show the holder’s importance in a group, like a monarch might hold a sceptre today. Others still think they might be equipment for holding ropes or making cord! What do your students think they were used for? We’ve created a blank baton so you can design your own.

### Learning Objectives: Foundation Subjects

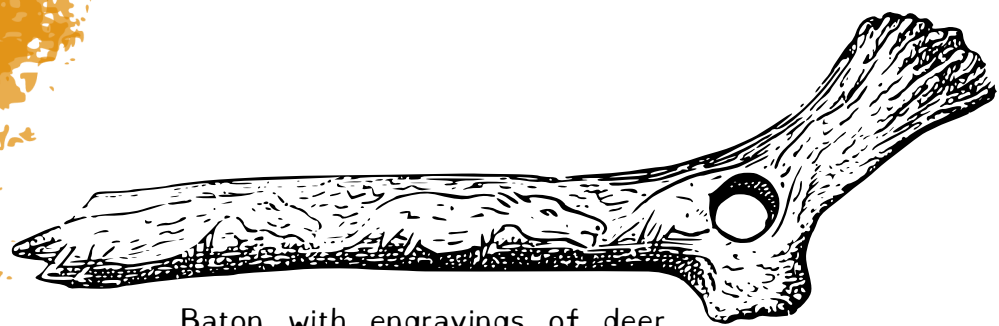
History (Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age)

### Resources Required

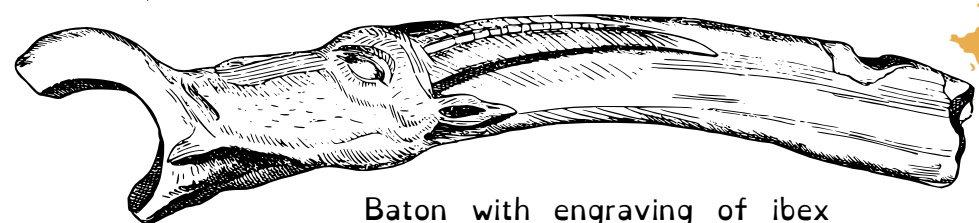
A4 Paper

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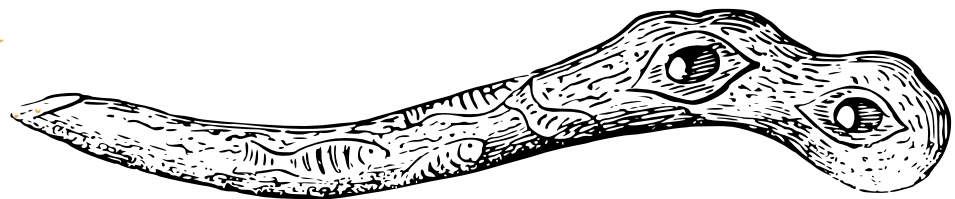
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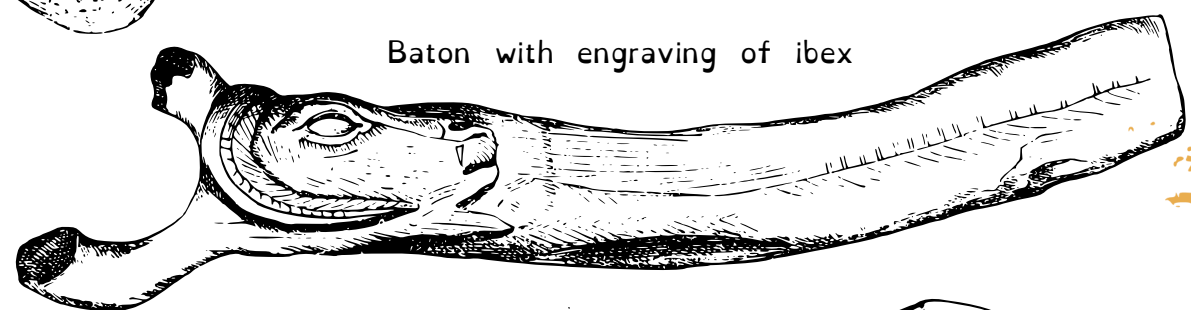
Baton with engravings of deer



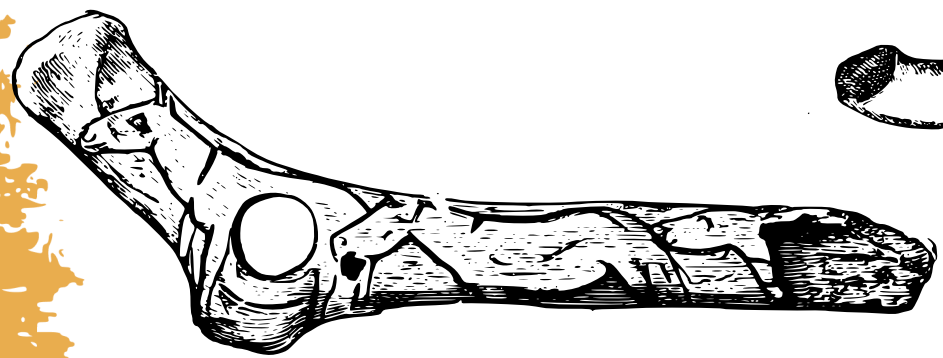
Baton with engraving of ibex



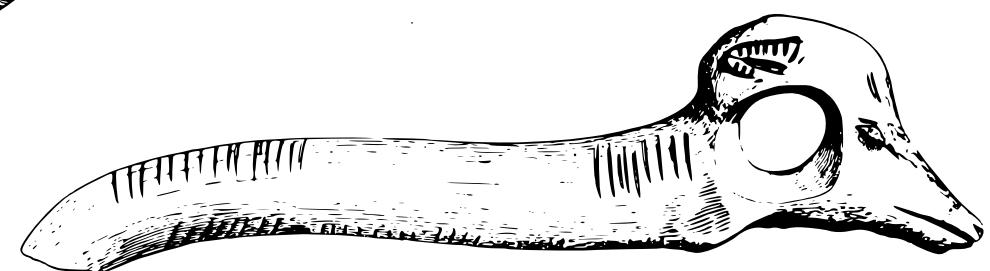
Baton with engravings of fish



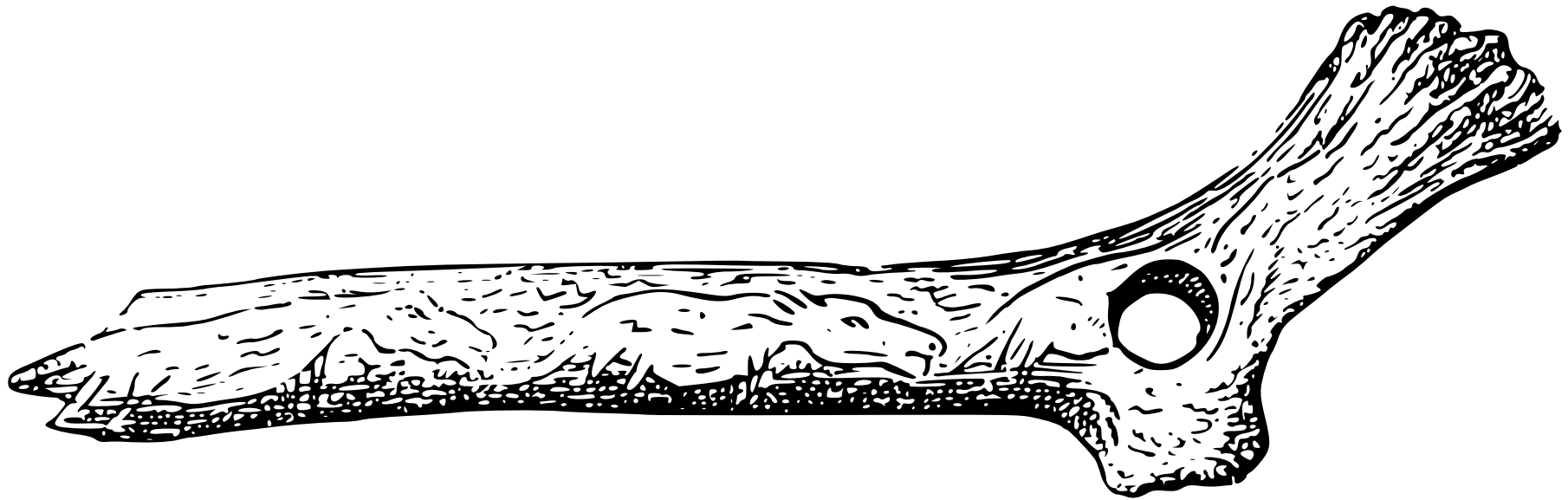
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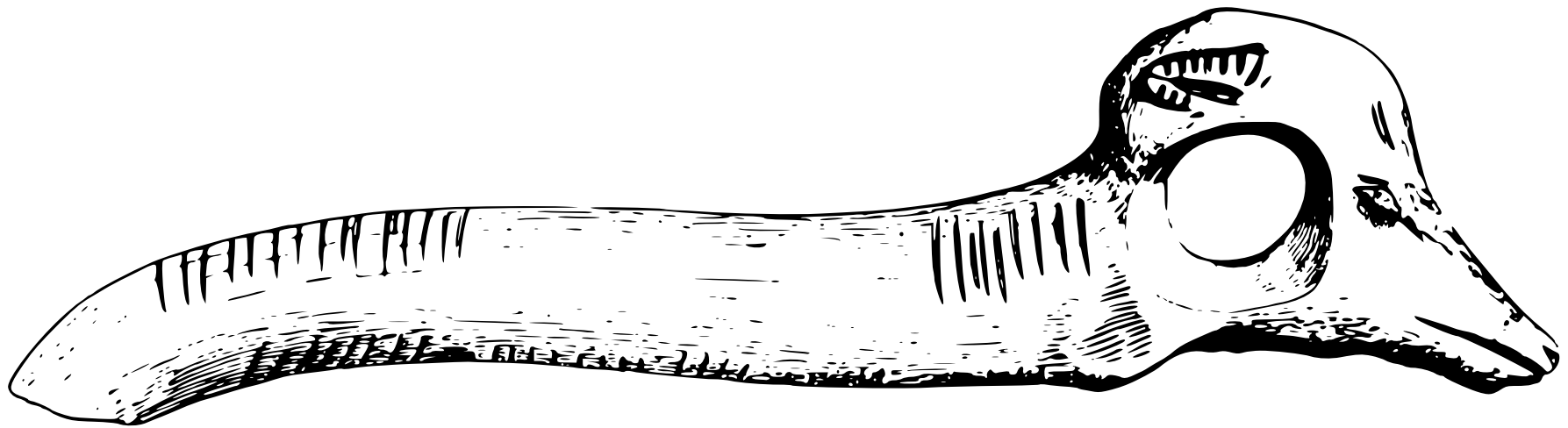


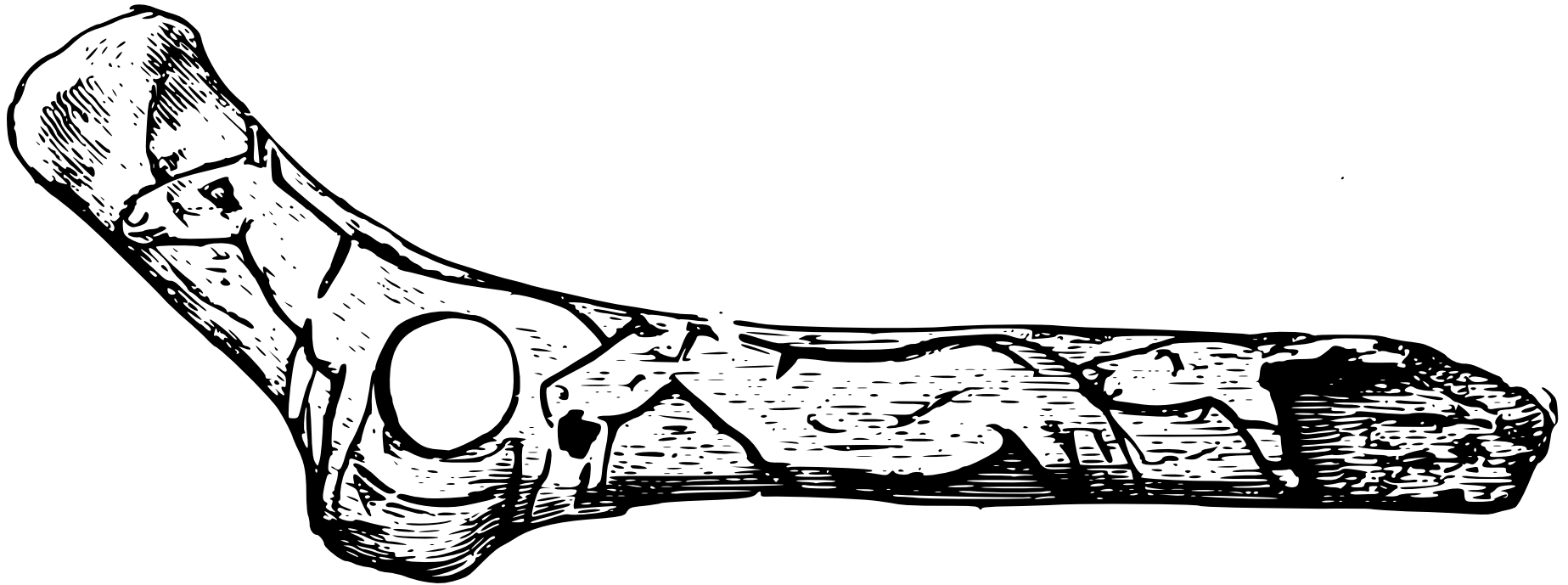
Baton with engravings of horses

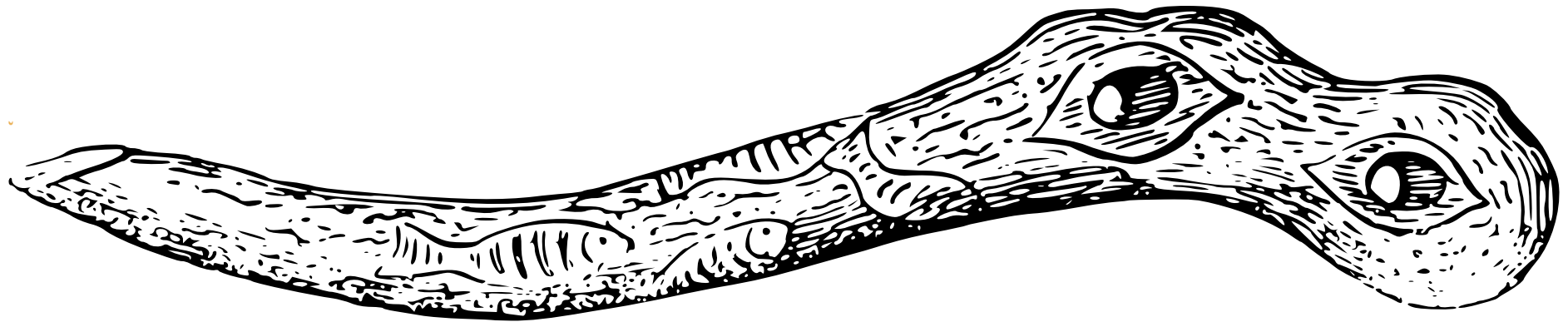


Baton with engraving of ibex or fox head

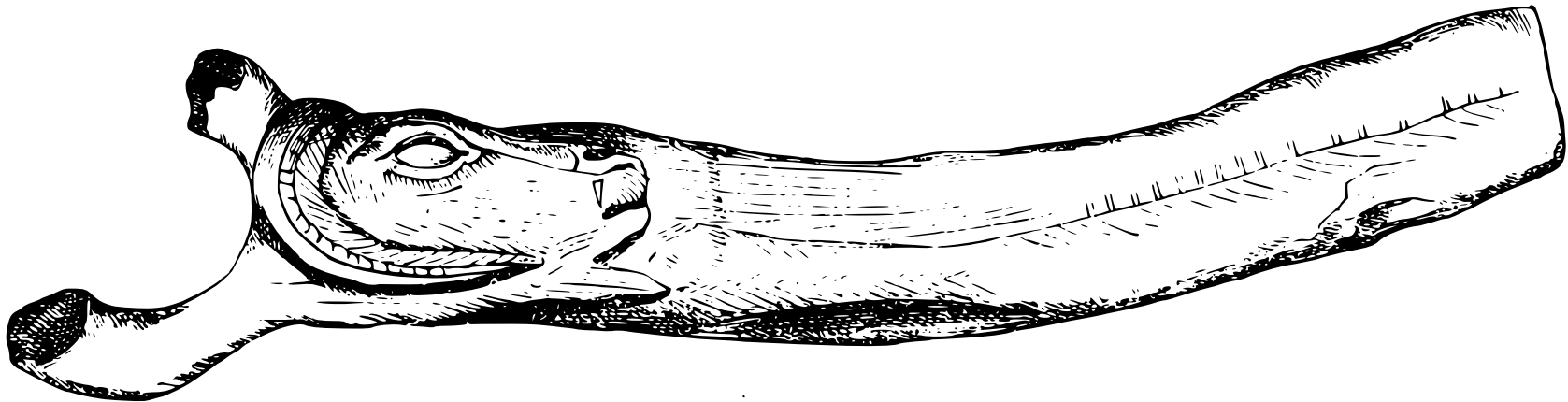
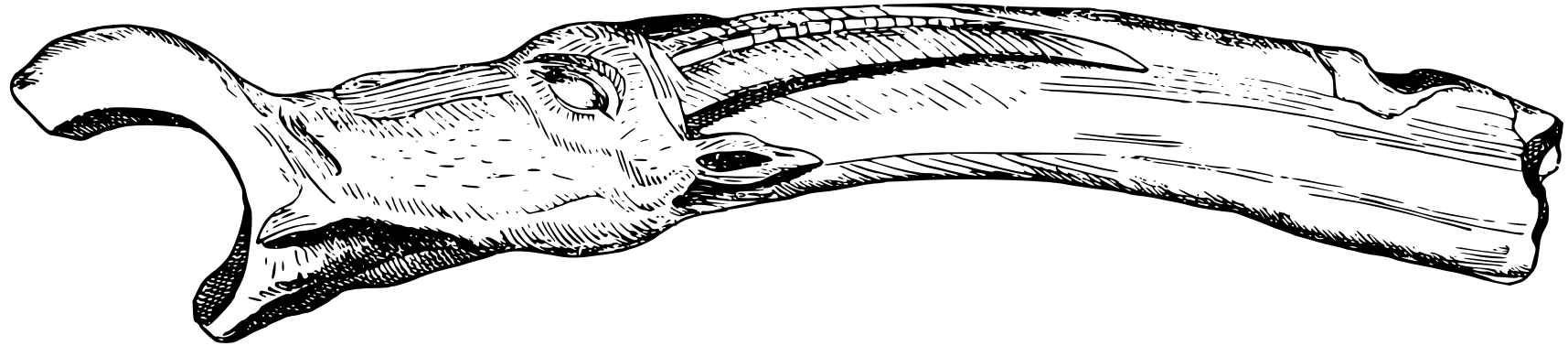




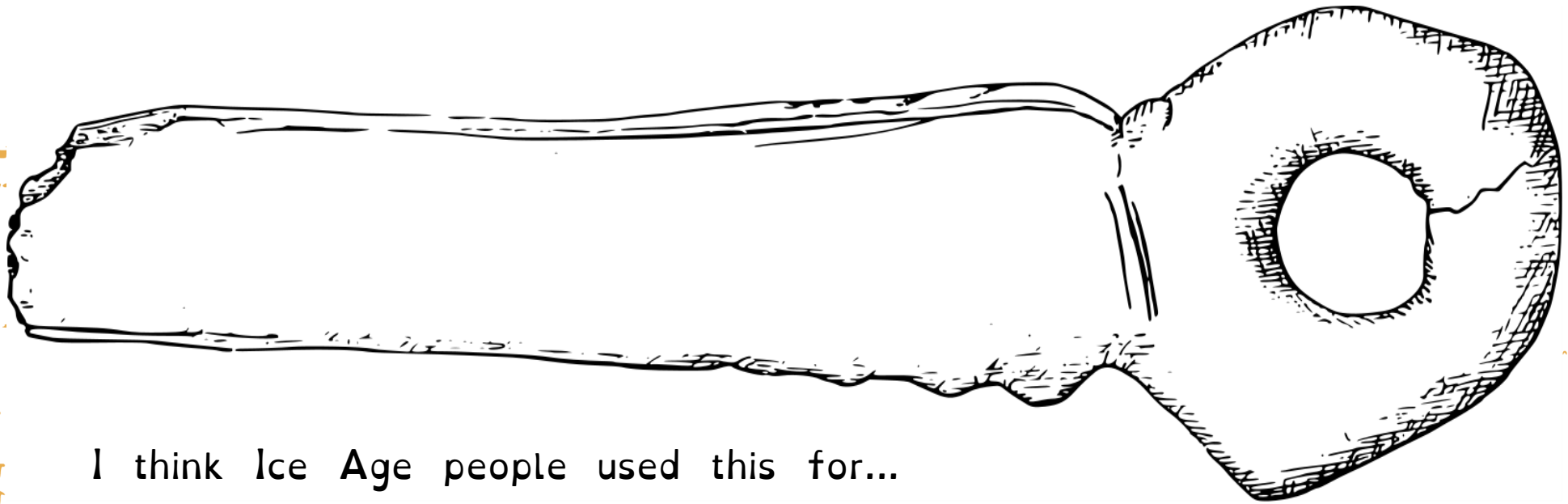








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