

caves were religious gathering places or temporary shelter, and not the actual dwellings of the supposed 'cavemen'.

**Dinosaurs** were the dominant vertebrate animals of the terrestrial ecosystems for over 160 million years, from the late Triassic period (about 230 million years ago to the end of the Cretaceous period (65 million years ago).

The earliest known European cave paintings date to 32,000 years ago. The purpose of the cave paintings is not known, and may never be. The evidence suggests that they were not merely decorations of living areas, since the caves in which they have been found do not have signs of ongoing habitation. Also, they are often in areas of caves that aren't easily accessed. Some theories hold that they may have been a way of transmitting information, while other theories ascribe them a religious or ceremonial purpose.

**Find More on pre-historic times at these Websites:**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caveman>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dinosaur><http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/search.cfm?keyword=dinosaur>

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/dinosaurs/theater/5289.html>

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/tv/browse.php?term=240603100100>



**Some Stories:**

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? By Jane Yolen

When Dinosaurs Came with Everything by Elise Broach

Edmontosaurus by Fabio Marco Dalla Vecchia

**Some Interesting Books on prehistoric times:**

Dinofile by Richard Moody

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs... by Dougal Dixon

Burn: the Life Story of Fire by Tanya Kyi





**Summer Camp 2008**  
**Session 5: Prehistoric Party**  
**June 23- June 27**

**Camp Description:** Bring out your inner caveman, and join our Dinosaur Party - complete with volcanoes and ice floes.



**Possible Art Projects Listed for Enrolling Parents:**

Cave drawings; clay dinosaurs; paper mache fossils; Caveman "bone" necklaces; saber tooth tiger paintings; A caveman diary

**Possible plays for Drama Camp:**

Playing Prehistoric (<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/dinosaurs/theater/5289.html>)  
<http://42explore.com/skits&plays.htm>

**Some Information about prehistoric times:**

A **caveman** is a popular stock character based upon stereotyped concepts of the way in which early prehistoric humans or hominines may have looked and behaved. The term is sometimes used colloquially to refer to the Neanderthals or Cro-Magnum.

Caveman is traditionally portrayed as being hairy, clothed in animal skins, armed with bone or wood clubs, intelligent, and aggressive. Furthermore, cavemen are often shown as living in caves; but this stemmed from the ritual paintings found in caves: it is more probable that the