

Iron Age "Celts"

Name(s) _____

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Final Exam Essay Questions

- Choose **THREE** of the following questions. Open book, please prepare your answers, use outlines, etc. You are free to collaborate -- the same grade goes for all! 3 essays, 20 points each
- You have **20 minutes max** to write each essay. Write down your start and stop times. Hand in this cover sheet with your essays.
- Write legibly or type. Use spell check if needed.
- Use complete sentences and proper paragraph structure.
- Write an outline first to organize your thoughts. Quality of writing counts.
- **Give at least three specific, different and appropriate examples in each case.** Identify them with names, dates, places ...

1. What are the main characteristics of the early La Tène period?

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2. We have studied different Iron Age peoples with ethnonyms suggesting some form of "Celtic" identity:

Celts, Gauls, Celtiberians, Galatians ... Describe the evidence we have for or against such "Celtic" identity.

Do you think that the Iron Age Europeans were Celts? If so, were they the same Celts as those of the British Isles? Explain.

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3. Describe the transition from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age in Europe.

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4. Describe salient characteristics of the “Celtic” economy in the second and first centuries BCE.

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5. What can Hallstatt-era assemblages found in burials tell us about the social structures and economies of the Hallstatt "Celts"? What are the limitations of the information to be gleaned from them??

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