

Time in DDC 930 Archaeology

Discussion topics

Periods/Cultures

Should the division in 930 be according to time periods, or could cultures also be added as subdivisions? Could the cultures be expressed in some other way?

Is there a clear distinction between time periods and cultures?

Some of the suggested subdivisions are clearly time periods. This applies to the divisions already present under 930.1 in DDC, and also to some of the further divisions, i.e. Late Neolithic period, Copper age, Bronze Age

Some are more of cultures, with not only chronological limitations but also cultural and geographical ones. Some of them exist during the same periods in the same areas. Examples: funnel beaker culture, corded ware culture, bell beaker culture.

Some of the suggested subdivisions seem to be both cultures and periods. Examples: Hallstatt period, La Tène period

The geographical boundaries

The geographical limitations of the different time periods and cultures are sometimes complicated. They are most commonly used for one area, but might also have spread to other parts of Europe. Should the periods be applicable broadly across different European areas, or should they be restricted to the core area, were findings from the time/culture are common?

The relationship between different cultures is sometimes complex. Battle ax culture is sometimes considered to be a Scandinavian form of the Corded ware culture, and sometimes a separate culture.

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