

Periods in DDC 930 Archaeology

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There is a need to express the time period in 930 and its subdivisions. Our proposal is to use the periods of 930.11-930.16 as the general pattern for chronological subdivision throughout 930. They are: Eolithic Age, Paleolithic Age, Mesolithic Age, Neolithic Age, Copper and Bronze Age and Iron Age. We are also proposing to divide these periods into more specific time periods. Where needed, the general time periods have been modified to suit the specific area.

Eolithic age is an obsolete term, with a small literary warrant. We propose that this number is discontinued. There is, on the other hand, a need for a comprehensive number for the Stone age, and we propose a number like this to be considered by the DDC editors. At the moment, Stone Age is in a Class here note at 930.12. We have not included a new number for Stone Age in our proposal below, since we have problems giving it a number that puts the period in the right place in the hierarchy without changing the existing numbers. For the new additions, using the 11 as the comprehensive Stone Age number is an option. In that case, the numbers for Bronze Age and Iron Age need to be changed, since these ages are not part of Stone Age. A number must be unassigned in two editions of DDC before it can be reused with a new meaning. Therefore, 930.1 can not be used for Stone Age. Instead another solution must be found.

We would like a revision of 936 so that the same time periods as in 930.1 are used in 936.

In an earlier version of this proposal, the numbering of the time periods in 936.8 and its subdivisions and in 936.94 different from the numbering in 936.3 and 936.4. After feed back from the members of the EDUG group, the general pattern of the numbering of time periods is followed throughout division 930.

The need for modifications and additions for specific areas not represented in the EDUG 930 WG needs to be further addressed. This paper is an intermediate report. The numbering of the classes is only made to show the hierarchy, and might be changed.

With the introduction of First and Second Iron Age in the proposal, Hallstatt period and La Tène period have been dropped from the captions and moved to Class here notes. We would also like other cultures to be added in Class here and Including notes at appropriate numbers. We have included some in our proposal below, but we would also like more cultures to be added in the future.

Some issues to discuss remain.

1. Should other European areas in 930 be subdivided according to the pattern in 930.1 too?

936.201 Southern Britain to 410 England

936.601 Iberian Peninsula and adjacent islands to 415

937.01 Italian Peninsula and adjacent territories to 476

Here we would need feed back from other European colleagues as well as from the DDC editors.

2. How should the Celtic and Roman periods in 936.1 be treated? The dates of the period varies in different part of the British Isles, and when it comes to Ireland, the terms Celtic period and Roman periods are not meaningful since most of the history of Ireland can be considered the Celtic period, and there is no period under Roman rule. The end date of the Celtic period in the proposal is problematic, since the Celtic period lasted until 1000 A.D., but to follow the structure of DDC, the period needs to end when the next period starts.

Another problem is the relationship between Celtic period and Iron Age. The start dates for these two periods in 936.1 and 936.2 would be the same.

Proposal

New numbers, captions and notes are underlined.

[930.11] Eolithic Age

Number discontinued, class in 930.1

930.12 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)

930.122 Lower Paleolithic Age

Including Acheulian culture

930.125 Middle Paleolithic Age

Including Mousterian culture

930.128 Upper Paleolithic Age

Including Aurignacian culture, Solutrean culture

930.13 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)

930.14 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)

930.15 Copper and Bronze Age

930.153 Copper Age (Chalkolithikum)

930.157 Bronze Age

930.16 Iron Age

930.163 First Iron Age

930.167 Second Iron Age

936 Europe north and west of Italian Peninsula to ca. 499

936.01 Early history to ca. 1000 B.C.

936.012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)

936.0122 Lower Paleolithic Age

936.0125 Middle Paleolithic Age

936.0128 Upper Paleolithic Age

Including Gravettian culture, Magdalenian culture

Class here Reindeer Age

936.013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)

936.014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)

Including Funnel-beaker culture (TRB culture), Corded ware culture (Battle axe culture)(or under 936.0153); Bandkeramik culture.(Linear pottery culture)

936.015 Copper and Bronze Age

936.0153 Copper Age (Chalkolithikum)

Including Bell beaker culture

936.0157 Bronze Age

Including, Urnfield culture

- 936.016 Iron Age
936.0163 First Iron Age
936.0167 Second Iron Age
936.02 Ca. 800-ca. 200 B.C. (changed dates)
936.03 Ca. 200 B.C.-ca. 499 A.D.
936.04 Ca. 500-800
- 936.1 British Isles to 400. Northern Britain and Ireland.
936.101 Early history to ca. 400
936.1012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)
936.1013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)
936.1014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)
936.1015 Bronze Age
 (Comment: no findings from Copper Age in Scotland and Ireland)
936.1016 Iron Age
936.102 Celtic period, 700 BC – ca. 1000 (changed dates)
936.103 Roman period, 80 – 211 (changed dates)
936.104 211- 400 (changed dates)
- 936.3 Germanic regions to 481
936.301 Early history to 113 B.C.
936.3012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)
936.30122 Lower Paleolithic Age
936.30125 Middle Paleolithic Age
936.30128 Upper Paleolithic Age
936.3013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)
936.3014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)
936.3015 Copper and Bronze Age
936.30153 Copper Age (Chalkolithikum)
936.30157 Bronze Age
 Including Lausitz culture (or under 936.0157)
936.3016 Iron Age
 Class here comprehensive works on Iron Age. For period of contacts with
 Roman Republic and Empire, 113 B.C.-, see 936.02
 Including Jastorf culture(or under 936.0157)
936.30164 First Iron Age
 Class here Hallstatt period
936.30166 Second Iron Age
 Class here La Tène period
936.302 Period of contacts with Roman Republic and Empire, 113 B.C.-
- 936.4 Celtic regions to 486
936.401 Early history to 125 B.C.
936.4012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)
936.40122 Lower Paleolithic Age
936.40125 Middle Paleolithic Age
936.40128 Upper Paleolithic Age
936.4013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)
936.4014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)
936.4015 Copper and Bronze Age

936.40153 Copper Age (Chalkolithikum)
936.40157 Bronze Age
936.4016 Iron Age
Class here comprehensive works on Iron Age. For Gallo-Roman period, 125 B.C.-486 A.D, see 936.402
936.40164 First Iron Age
Class here Hallstatt period
936.40166 Second Iron Age
Class here La Tène period
936.402 Gallo-Roman period, 125 B.C.-486 A.D.

936.8 Scandinavia
936.801 Early history to 800
936.8012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)
936.8013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)
936.8014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)
936.8015 Bronze Age
Comment: For Scandinavia the Copper Age is usually not considered to be a clearly distinct time period, and it is often put as a part of the Stone Age, and called Copper Stone Age. We would like to leave it out in the captions for Scandinavia

936.85016 Iron Age
Class here comprehensive works on Iron Age, including the Viking period.. For Viking period, see 948.022

936.81 Norway
936.801 Early history to 800
936.81012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)
936.81013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)
936.81014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)
936.81015 Bronze Age
936.81016 Iron Age
Class here comprehensive works on Iron Age, including the Viking period. For Viking period, see 948.1014

936.810162 Pre-Roman Iron Age
936.810164 Roman Iron Age
936.810165 Migration period
936.810166 Merovinger period

936.85 Sweden

Dewey number	Caption	Records in LIBRIS (subject headings)	Records in VITALIS (subject headings)
936.8501	Early history to 800		
936.85012	Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)	173	198
936.85013	Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)	159	435
936.85014	Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)	466	995
936.85015	Bronze Age	1217	3190
936.85016	Iron Age	1380	6702

	Class here comprehensive works on Iron Age, including the Viking period. For Viking period, see 948.5014		
936.850162	Pre-Roman Iron Age	8	102
936.850164	Roman Iron Age	44	244
936.850165	Migration period	75	374
936.850166	Vendel period	29	255

936.89 Denmark

936.8901 Early history to 800

936.89012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)

936.89013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)

936.89014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)

936.89015 Bronze Age

936.89016 Iron Age

Class here comprehensive works on Iron Age, including the Viking period. For Viking period, see 948.9014

936.94 Switzerland

936.9401 Early history up to La Tène period

936.94012 Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age)

936.94013 Mesolithic Age (Middle Stone Age)

936.94014 Neolithic Age (New Stone Age)

936.94015 Copper and Bronze Age

936.94016 Iron Age

936.940164 First Iron Age

Class here Hallstatt period

936.940166 Second Iron Age

Class here La Tène period

936.9402 Gallo-Roman period

936.94022 Period of contacts with Roman Republic to 15 B.C.

936.94024 Gallo-Roman Period 15.B.C.-401 A.D

Other issues

The need to express the archaeological viewpoint on many different subjects scattered in the schedules have been pointed out both by members of the group and people outside the group.

We still strongly question the limitation of 930 to the old world as Melvil Dewey knew it. If this class is to be kept in DDC, it needs to be updated to reflect current research. We are all aware of the fact that archaeological findings exist throughout the world, even though Dewey was not. Are there any plans for a total remake of the 930 schedule?

One more remaining question is the need to express specific regions within a country. Patricia Bellec from Bibliothèque Nationale de France proposed the possibility to add from Table 2-4. This possibility is used already used for Britain, and other countries, i.e. Norway has also expressed interest in this kind of solution. The group would like the DDC editors to consider this possibility as the general pattern.

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