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STONEHENGE

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What is Stonehenge?

- Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England.
- Archaeologists believe it was constructed from 3000 BC to 2000 BC.
- •The site and its surroundings were added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1986 and it is a legally protected Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- Stonehenge is owned by the Crown and managed by English Heritage.

POSSIBLE BUILDERS 1

A plenty of archaeologists and researchers don't know about the builders of Stonehenge. However, they have some theories about them:

- 1) Geffrey of Monmouth in 1135 a.c, in his book (The History of Kings in England) speaks about Aurelius Ambrosios. He thought that he commanded his workers to build the Stonehenge in memory of victims by the violent attack of Cheogist the Saxon in 490 a.c. Aurelius ask wizard Merlin to help him with the build. Merlin adviced them to take the stones from a stone building, located in Ireland. According to Monmouth, Merlin made the stones dancing over the sea.
- 2) Walter Charlton expresses the belief that the monument was built by the Danes and was their parliament.
- 3) John Aubrey, in the Monument project British (Monumenta Britannica), argues that Stonehenge was a temple built by the Druids and belonged to their jurisdiction.

*POSSIBLE BUILDERS 2

4) Hecataeus of Abdera and Diodorus of Sicily spoke in their works about a people with the northernmost name, who lived on an island over the earth tonKelton Gaul (modern France) and had built a large circular temple for the worship of God Apollo. By many scholars, this version is considered true, as Stonehenge was used as an observatory for the sun's position. The ancient Greek explorers may had been confused by the worship of the Sun, which for them was identified with Apollo.





