Cave Painting

Think

- Why did people make cave paintings?
- How did they manage with no paint?
- · What does this painting tell?
- Is this just 'stone age graffiti'?



Write an adventure story in which you have to decode the cave painting to find the treasure. What can possibly go wrong?

Reimagine

Think of a well-known story and retell it in the style of a cave painting. It can be a novel, a fairy tale, anything you wish. How will you paint the story?



Discover

Fact: Some of the cave paintings that have been discovered are from up to 40 000 BC. Most of the known cave art is in France or Spain, but there are examples in other parts of the world.

Question: Have any cave paintings been discovered in the UK? If so, where are they? Find out as much as you can and make a leaflet to attract tourists to visit them.

Solve

A cave painting, discovered by Professor Rock and his team, includes the following: 8 hunters, 6 buffalo, 4 horses, 8 deer and 4 fish. How many legs are there in total?

Challenge: If there were three times as many horses, half the amount of hunters, 6 buffalo, 12 deer and no fish, how many legs would there be then in the painting?

Discuss

If you were to paint stories on walls in your community, chances are someone would call the police and accuse you of vandalism. What is the difference between the cave paintings and wanting to express yourself with paint on the walls today?





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How many legs are there in total?	How many legs would there be then in the painting?
Hunters: 8 × 2 = 16	Hunter: 4 × 2 = 8
Buffalo: 6 × 4 = 24	Buffalo: 6 × 4 = 24
Horses: 4 × 4 = 16	Deer: 12 × 4 = 48
Deer: 8 × 4 = 32	Horses: 12 × 4 = 48
Fish: $4 \times 0 = 0$	Total = 128 legs
Total = 88 legs	

