

The Gold Mold Cape in the British Museum



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This Gold cape was found in a town called Mold in North Wales in 1833. Today you can see it in the British Museum in London.

It was made between 1900BC-1600BC. That means it is over 3600 years old. It was made as special clothing and we think it was only for special celebrations. It is made of one piece of gold and made for someone who was quite thin. It is likely this cape belonged to a woman. There are many rings of patterns that look like many necklaces.

The cape covers the shoulders and top of the arms. Some people think the patterns look like lots of beads and folds of clothing. The shapes include squares, ovals, circles and triangles.

This time period was called the Bronze age. It is called pre-history because in Britain we did not have any writing, to tell us facts about that time, so sometimes we have to guess.

Anybody who wears this cape cannot move their arms very easily. People think that this cape was not for everyday but just for special ceremonies. The patterns are similar to things found far away in France or Scotland. This tells us that even thousands of years ago, people were moving to new places, sharing ideas and buying and selling things.

Questions:

1. How would you describe the Gold Cape?
2. What special occasions do you think people wore this cape?
3. What special clothes do people wear for special occasions today?

Verbs

Verb present (infinitive)	He/She/It present	Past Simple
be	is	was
find	finds	found
see	sees	saw
make	makes	made
mean	means	meant
look	looks	looked
have	has	had
wear	wears	wore
move	moves	moved
tell	tells	told
share	shares	shared
buy	buys	bought
sell	sells	sold

Impossible

Not likely

Maybe

Likely

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