National Geographic: Stonehenge Decoded Video Guide

1. What year did construction on Stonehenge begin? What other monument was being constructed at the same time?
2. What material are the stones?
3. What are three theories about what Stonehenge represents?
4. Stonehenge was built before the discovery of what two concepts?
5. Who is helping Prof. Pearson dig in the farmer’s fields near Stonehenge?
6. Why is Pearson studying the funeral rituals of a tribe in Madagascar?
7. How do they know how long ago each site was built?
8. When did Pearson start digging? What did he find?
9. How were the knee-holes formed?
10. Why does Pearson think the people gather at Stonehenge on the summer solstice? What happens to the sun?
11. What “rite of passage” does Pearson think occurred at Stonehenge on the summer solstice?
12. Why is it bizarre that this Neolithic civilization has so much food waste? What conclusions can be drawn from this evidence?
13. How much does each block weigh?
14. How do these people move the stone 25 miles to the Stonehenge site?
15. When someone was killed in this process, what did the people think it meant?
16. What artifacts do archaeologists uncover that provide clues about warfare and hunting?
17. What is the new material that is brought to Britain by the foreigners?
18. How did metal change civilization?
19. What mistake did the builders make?
20. What is the significance of the river Avon?