

# PREHISTORIC ART

## 30,000 – 6,000 BC

As far as we know, the story of art began about 30,000 years ago. Some of the earliest artworks are paintings discovered in caves of Spain, France and Africa. Cave paintings show hunting scenes with cattle, deer and bison. The animals are usually painted in profile views with lifelike proportions, details and action. People are shown as stick figures with spears.



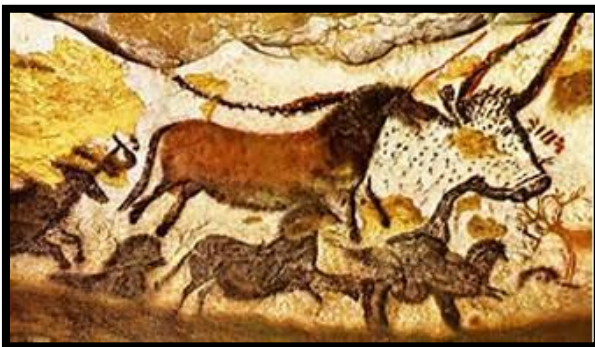
**Ice Age** - Some 35,000 years ago in what we now call France, an Ice Age man—or woman—spray-painted a wordless “I was here” on Chauvet Cave’s walls. The artist most likely created the image by spitting finely ground red pigment over and around a hand pressed firmly to the rock. Similar stencils are known from painted caves throughout the world.



**Woman of Willendorf** is an 4.3 inches high statue found in Austria in 1908. It is said to have been created in between 24,000 and 22,000 BC. Very little is known about its origin, method of creation, or cultural significance



**Stonehenge**, Salisbury Plain, England. 6000 - 1500 BC. Ancient people arranged these huge stones, called megaliths



**Hall of Bulls**, Lascaux, France

15,000 – 10,000 BC