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## **Time Travel to the Stone Age, 5000 years ago, grade three Lindås school**

### **Västraby, Lindås, 3000 B.C.**

#### **Facts**

The Stone Age site is situated on a small hill close to the Lyckeby river. Two stone axes have been found on top of the hill, probably from a grave 3000 B.C. On terraces on the small hill slope 24 stone pieces are found, of used flint, quartz and porphyry, i.e. a knife of porphyry. It's also possible to recognize remains of hearths and cracked stones in the soil.

On another small hill, a couple of hundred meters east of the Stone Age site, a house from the Stone Age, c. 3000 B.C., have been reconstructed. The time travels take place at that reconstructed house. Before the house was built an archaeological excavation took place on the hill. 89 stone pieces were found, mostly flint stone but also quartz and porphyry. Among the finds is a flint piece from the coast c. 100 kilometres south, along the river.

Some of the finds indicate old traditions and some indicate new influences

The Stone Age site in Västraby is one of several sites around a former wetland on both sides of the Lyckeby river. The sites are situated on small hills above the meadows along the river. The area was well suited for cattle breeding (cows, sheep and pigs) combined with fishing, cultivation of crops, hunting and gathering. The river was the communication route to other people.

“Västragården” (The western farm) was an old traditional farm who had adapted modern ideas. They had good contacts with the people living at the coast, far away south.

The region was expanding around 3000 B.C. More and more settlements established along the rivers and lakes but also close to natural meadows in the middle of the woods. People came from the coast to start new farms and also sons and daughters from the old farms by the Lyckeby river built new farms in the area. It was a transition period from the old times to more expansive and modern times. New influences were coming from the coast, maybe new ceremonies. The access of flint stone for axes, knives and other tools was increasing.

### **Scenario, A meeting at “Västragården” (The West farm) by Lyckeby river, 5000 years ago.**

Västragården is a farm with old traditions but at the same time open for new ideas. The farm has good communications along the river and is a gathering place for the region. 10-12 people are living on the farm, also eight cows and some sheep and pigs. There are small fields where wheat and barley are grown. The people hunt wild game in the woods with bows, spears and traps. They also pick berries, plants and fruits.

Rather often they meet with other people in the same tribe living along the river. Once every year they go to the coast for seal hunting and a big gathering with the whole of the tribe and also to meet other tribes.



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Today is a meeting with the four neighbouring farms around the meadows. Children from the four farms have come to get new knowledge of the people on Västragården. This knowledge they will bring back to their own farm. Of course there will also be some common work that is needed this time of the year.

The myths of the tribe will be told and everybody will sing the traditional songs. There will be a sacrifice to the spirits for prosperity and many good years to come.

Today also people from another tribe will join the gathering. Maybe they want to settle in the region and will ask the children if they know of any good sites for new farms.

### **Key questions**

- What kind of knowledge do I need to bring back to my own farm?
- Will the future be prosperous in the region? Do I have any new ideas for a better future?
- Do I want to set up a new farm of my own in the region?

### **Roles**

The students are from four neighbouring farms.

The people from the museum are those living at Västragården.

### **Activities**

- Cooking – salmon cooked in a pit oven, bread, fresh cheese, soup of fruits and berries,
- Flintknapping, make a flintknife  
Use a stone axe
- Make a necklace or a bracelet of bone
- Hunting – with bow and spears

### **Time plan**

08.00 Set up

09.00 The students arrive

Read the landscape and explain the traces of the Stone Age

09.30 The students have a short picnic

09.45 Change dresses, scenario, rules

Time travel, music, painting

The myth of the tribe

10.15 Activities

12.20 The meal, music and singing, sacrifice

13.15 Travel back in time

Reflection, change dresses

13.45 The students leave

Pick up the stuff

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## Role cards

### Strangers from another tribe

You are strangers from another tribe who have travelled a long way to come to Västragården. You have travelled for months and have at last reached the region and the farm you have heard so much about.

You are interested to settle in the region and set up a farm. You ask where the best land and the best meadows are and if the children advice you to stay and start a new farm. Maybe they can help you with cows, sheep and corn. If you settle, will they take you up in their tribe?

You also want to know what skills you need to have, to live in the region – cooking, flint knapping, hunting, the right colours of the tribe etc. Ask the children to teach you.  
You tell them about the life in your tribe, houses, game, food, clothes etc.

Pick a san or a khoi name.

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