

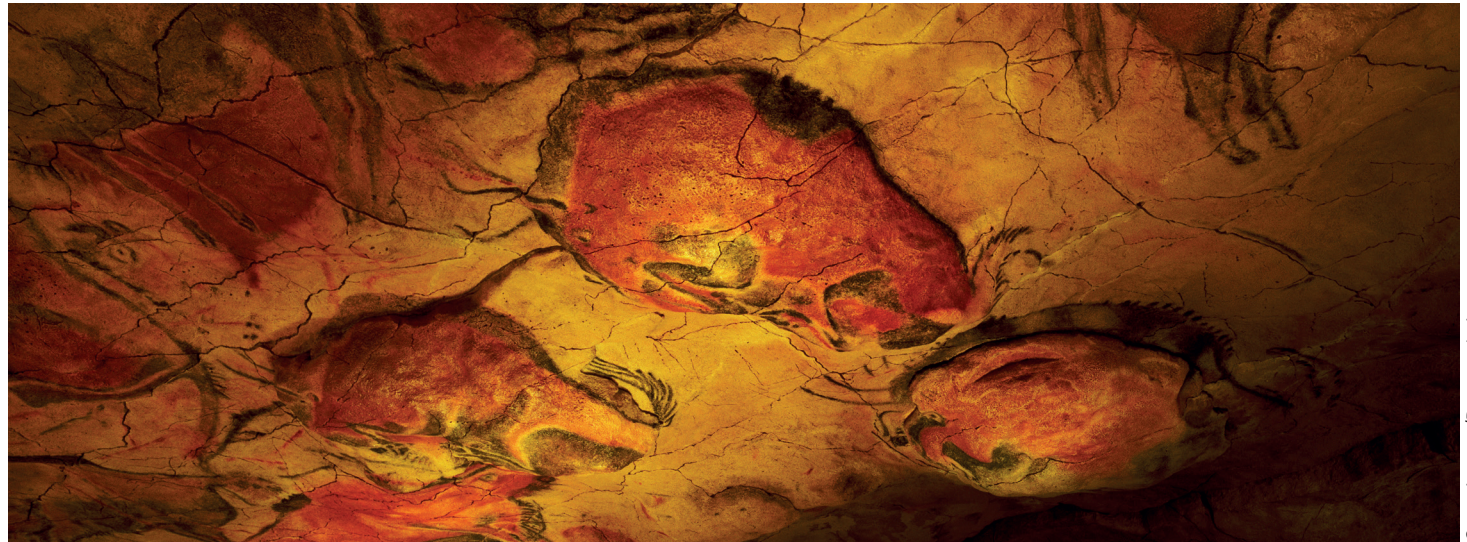
# A CAVE PAINTING

**Level:** Primary 5th Year  
(Social Science)

**Time:** 2 sessions

**Materials:**

- ❑ print outs from the Internet of cave paintings from the Cave of Altamira
- ❑ sheets of brown paper or card
- ❑ white pencil
- ❑ white, brown and yellow chalk
- ❑ black, red and brown paints and a paintbrush



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## Altamira cave paintings

### FUN FACTS

- ❑ The cave is near Santillana del Mar in Cantabria, Spain.
- ❑ The earliest paintings in the cave are about 15,500 years old.
- ❑ It's a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ❑ It's thought animals lived at the back of the cave and humans lived at the front.
- ❑ Cave men painted the animals they lived around. There are paintings of bison, horses, deer, wild pigs and goats on the cave's ceiling.





### Basic description:

During today's session we will create a cave painting. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, print outs from the Internet of cave paintings from the Cave of Altamira, to make their work of art. We will start by presenting the Altamira cave paintings. We will ask what they know about them. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow.

### Lesson Plan:

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children about the Altamira cave paintings. (30 min) Steps 1-2 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 3-4 should be completed in the second session. (15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.

### Game:

Play a word game with the class. Say a word and pupils say *Then* if it only relates to prehistoric times, *Now* if it only relates to today's society, and *Both* if it relates to both now and then. For example, *dinosaur* – *Then*, *dishwasher* – *Now*, *fire* – *Both*, etc.

### Learning Outcomes:

- ✔ Understands prehistoric life.
- ✔ Makes two-dimensional works planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step 1



Draw over the brown paper with chalk.

Step 2



Tear the paper to make it look old.

Step 3



Paint your cave painting.

Step 4



Add your cave painting to the class display.