

Understanding Copper and Bronze: Notes from Experimental Archaeology

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Description:

Although copper and bronze were a preferred material for tool manufacture in many prehistoric contexts, most archaeologists working in those contexts have not had formal instruction in the unique mechanical properties of copper and bronze. This situation has presented a conceptual barrier to understanding early copper and bronze industries. The most common methods of producing and working copper will be explained and demonstrated with the goal of improving archaeological interpretation.