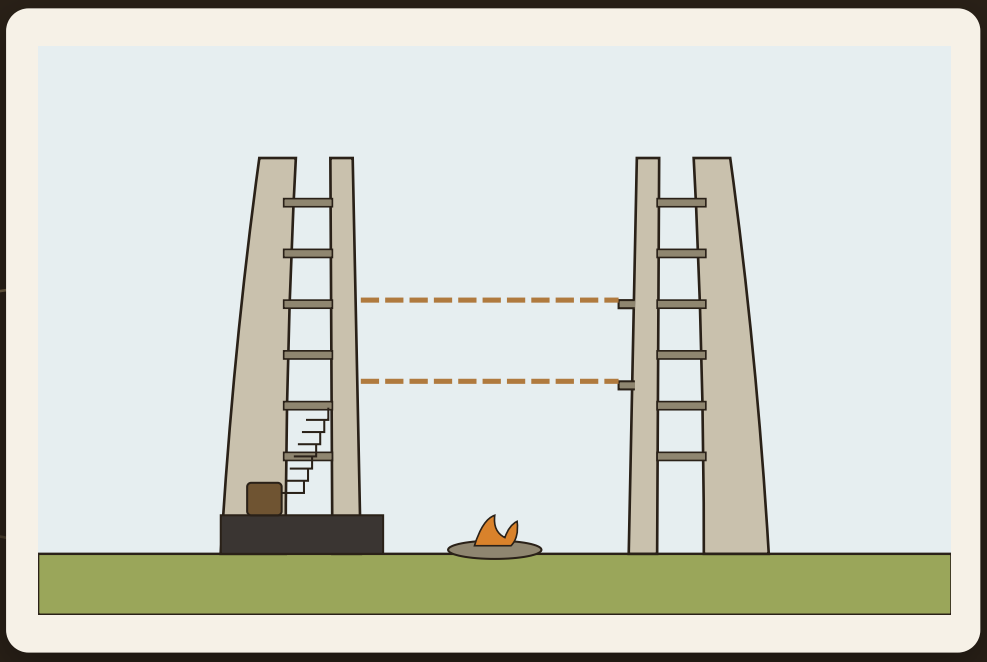
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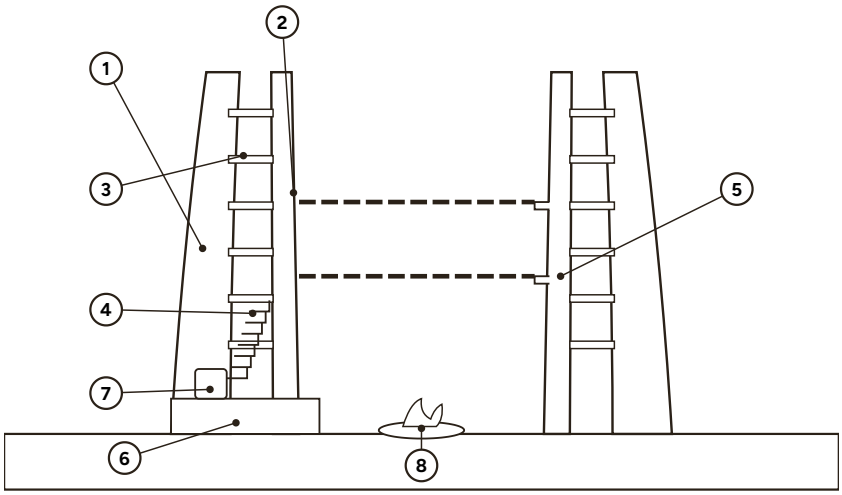
ABOUT THE FACTS

Brochs were built in the Iron Age, and some questions about them have no single answer. Where sources differ, we show what each one says, rather than picking one.

FROM THE JUNIOR TOPIC PACK

Label the broch

From the Junior Topic Pack. Answers: 1. outer wall · 2. inner wall · 3. gallery · 4. stone stair · 5. ledge (scarcement) · 6. entrance passage · 7. guard cell · 8. hearth



A broch tower cut in half, seen from the side. Our own simplified drawing, not to scale, not a copy of any real broch, plan, map, scan, print or photograph.

Word bank: entrance passage · gallery · guard cell · hearth · inner wall · ledge (scarcement) · outer wall · stone stair

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FROM THE POSTER SET

The brochs timeline

From about 2700 BC to 2023

ABOUT 2700 BC
People first settle at Jarlshof (Historic Environment Scotland)

ABOUT 1000 BC
People are living on the Clickimin promontory (Historic Environment Scotland)

500 TO 200 BC
The village at Gurness begins (Historic Environment Scotland)

400 TO 200 BC
Broch towers are built, says UNESCO's Tentative List entry (UNESCO Tentative List)

ABOUT 300 BC
Mousa is built, says Historic Environment Scotland's Mousa page (Historic Environment Scotland)

ABOUT 200 BC
Dun Carloway is probably built (Historic Environment Scotland)

FIRST TWO CENTURIES AD
Edin's Hall broch is thought to be built (Historic Environment Scotland)

AD 43
The king of Orkney submits to Emperor Claudius, Eutropius later claims (Historic Environment Scotland)

AROUND AD 100
Broch-building stops, says Historic Environment Scotland (Historic Environment Scotland)

AD 300S OR 400S
A silver brooch based on Roman types is made (found at Carn Liath) (Historic Environment Scotland)

800S
Vikings from Norway settle at Jarlshof (Historic Environment Scotland)

AD 900
An eloping couple shelter in Mousa, says Egil's Saga (Historic Environment Scotland)

UNTIL ABOUT AD 1000
Dun Carloway may still be in use (Historic Environment Scotland)

AD 1153
Earl Harold besieges Mousa (Historic Environment Scotland)

AROUND AD 1200
The Orkneyinga Saga is written down (Historic Environment Scotland, Statement of Significance)

AROUND AD 1230
Egil's Saga is written down (Historic Environment Scotland, Statement of Significance)

1469
Shetland passes from Norway to Scotland (Historic Environment Scotland)

1814
Walter Scott visits Shetland (Historic Environment Scotland, Statement of Significance)

1861
Rubble is cleared out of Mousa (Historic Environment Scotland, Statement of Significance)

1874
The water level of the Loch of Clickimin is lowered (Historic Environment Scotland)

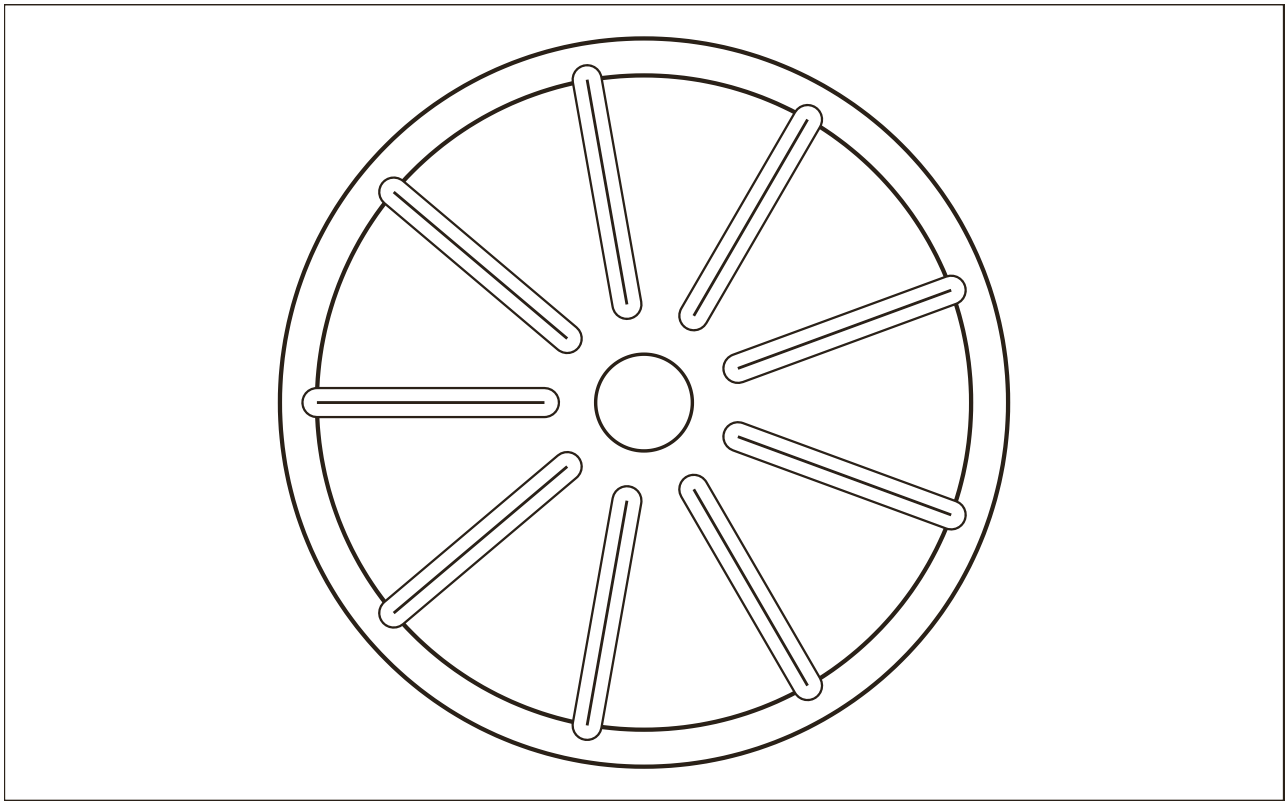
1885
Mousa is taken into State care (Historic Environment Scotland, Statement of Significance)

2023
The UK submits Mousa, Old Scatness and Jarlshof to UNESCO's Tentative List (UNESCO Tentative List)

FROM THE FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

A wheelhouse

Seen from above



Wheelhouses are named for roofs held up by walls that spread out like the spokes of a wheel.

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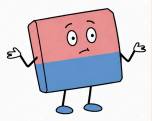
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