

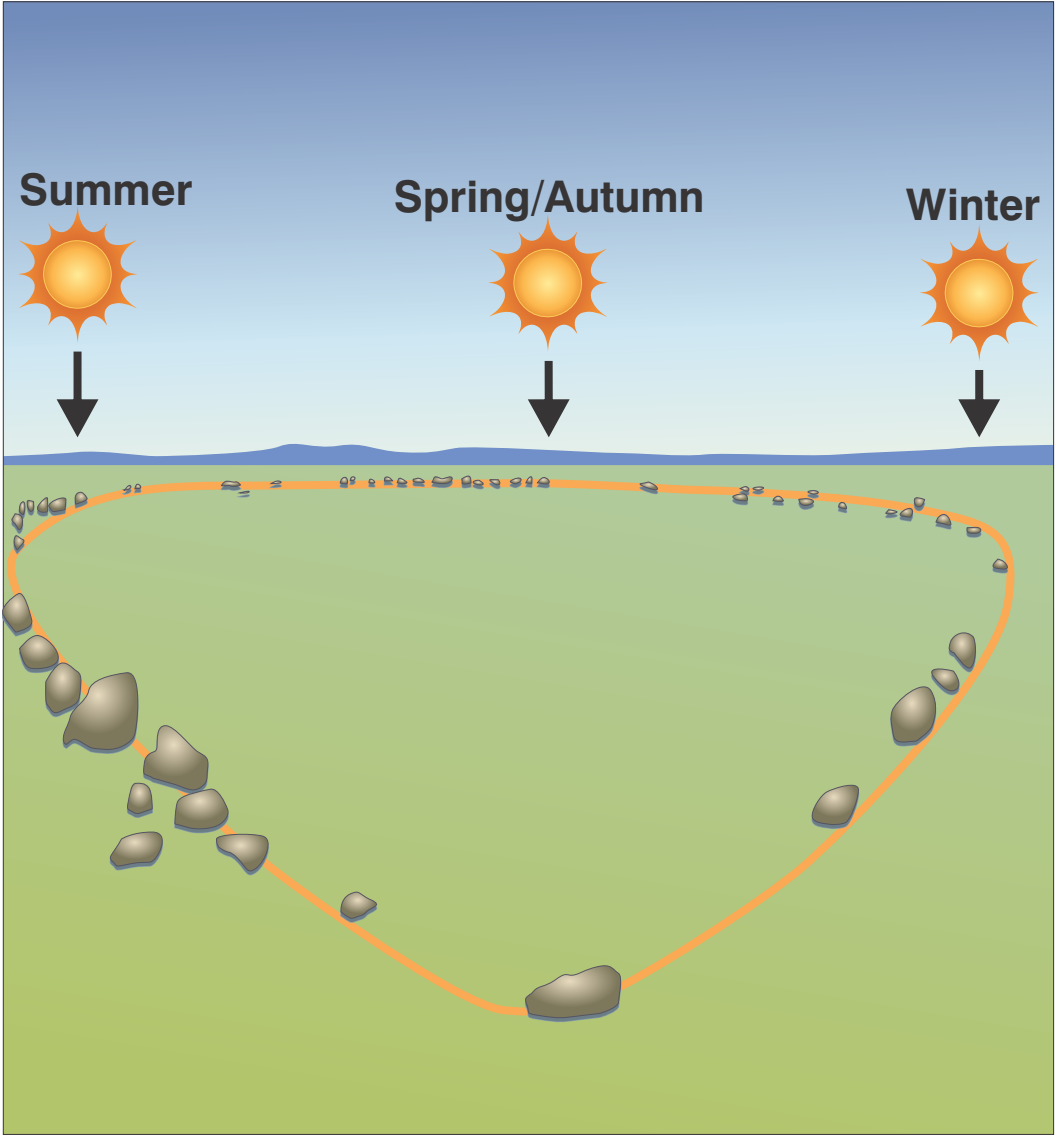
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The World's First Astronomers

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The mid-points of winter and summer were important for First Nations people. It was where the sun rose in the morning and set at night. They would put a stone or mark on the horizon where the sun was at mid-point.



First Peoples would travel a long way to meet other people. Sometimes they would only meet every three years. How did they know when to meet without a clock or calendar? They watched for signs from the sun, the moon, the stars, and other signs from nature. It gave them all the information they needed.



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