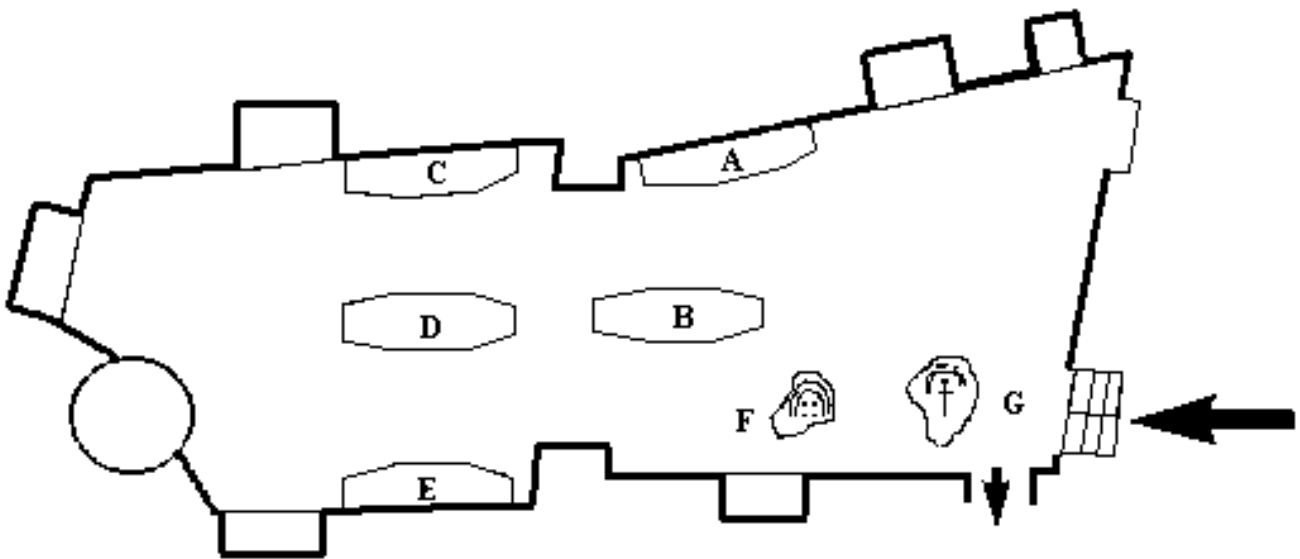


PREHISTORY

The exhibit in this room illustrates different aspects of daily life and social environment of the first permanently established groups in the Guadiana Valley (fourth millennium BC-Copper Age) and their evolution until the Late Bronze Age (10th century BC).



- A:** This show-case contains different objects normally found as burial-offerings.
- B:** This exhibit reflects the variety of representations of the divinity. Different kinds of idols are on the upper shelf. Slate plaque-idols, the most characteristic of the south-western Iberian Peninsula, are on the lower shelf.
- C:** Copper Age settlements are here represented. The objects exhibited constitute a cross-section of daily life, especially pottery and other objects used in the preparation of food and clothing.
- D:** Objects exhibited represent different aspects of Copper Age economy, technology and procurement systems. The most relevant fact of this showcase is the diversity of objects and of materials used to make them, for it suggests the complexity of Copper Age culture notwithstanding its primitive simplicity.
- E:** The Bronze Age is barely known in this region, and is here represented by some pottery and a comprehensive collection of metallurgical implements.
- F:** Inscribed slab representing a female deity with radial head-apparel.
- G:** Inscribed slab representing, very schematically, a figure with a diadem.