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Chapter 2 Section 1 Notes The First People

Scientists Study Remains

The time before there was writing is known as _____

Archaeologist, Mary Leakey and her husband, Louis, made what important discovery in 1959? _____

The archaeologists believed these _____ belonged to an early hominid.

What is a hominid? _____

What is an ancestor? _____

Several years later an anthropologist by the name Donald Johanson found _____
_____. He named his findings _____.

What was so fascinating about his findings? _____

Hominids and Early Humans

Use the line below to create a timeline that shows the four major groups of hominids. Label the date appeared, name, and what that name means.

Each of the above four hominids all appeared in what same location? _____

Stone Age Tools

The first humans and their ancestors lived during a period known as _____
_____. Archeologists divide this period into three
different periods based on _____

What is the first part of the Stone Age called? _____

It lasted till about _____ and used _____

The oldest tool was discovered in _____ and is about
_____ years old. Describe it. _____

Over time these early humans improved their tools, how? _____

Hunter-gatherer Societies

A community of people who share a common culture is known as _____

Early humans of the Stone Age were hunter-gatherers. What are hunter-gatherers?

What did the men and women of these hunter-gatherer groups do?

Men	Women

What was the most important development of early Stone Age culture?

What are some reasons why scientists believe language first developed?

Besides language how else did early people express themselves?

What has led scientists to believe that the first religions were developed during this period?

Chapter 2 Section 2 Notes Early Human Migration

People Move Out of Africa

"Migrate" means to _____. Why did people start migrating out of Africa?

Freezing times, or long periods of freezing weather, are called _____.

This period ended about _____ years ago.

Describe the Earth during the ice age. _____

Some scientists think that during the ice ages, the ocean level dropped and exposed a

_____, which is _____.

What is the significance of a land bridge and Stone Age people? _____

Looking at the map on page 37, which continent did humans reach last?

By 9000BC, which continent was not yet reached by humans? _____

Using the map again on page 37, what is the name of the land bridge that scientists believe allowed humans to get from Asia to North America? _____

What did early humans follow south into South America? _____

People Adapt to New Environments

Why did early people have to learn to adapt to their new environments? _____

Besides fire, how did people learn to keep warm in their new environment?

What types of shelters did early people use? _____

People also adapted to their new environments by developing new types of _____

How were these tools different than those from the Old Stone Age? _____

What is this period called? _____ or _____

It began _____ years ago and lasted to about _____

During this age people found new uses for bone and stone tools. People that lived near water invented _____.

Other groups invented the _____.

Name three other things that these people developed or had during this time and describe its use.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Chapter 2 Section 3 Notes Beginnings of Agriculture

The First Farmers

What period came after the Middle Stone Age? _____ or _____

Name and describe the two things that people learned to do during the New Stone Age.

1. _____
2. _____

The biggest change that occurred during this time period was _____

What brought an end to the ice age? _____

Because the ice age ended what happened to how people got their food? _____

What do historians consider to be the "Neolithic Revolution"? _____

The process of changing plants or animals to make them more useful to humans is called _____
_____. This process led to the development of _____
_____, or _____

What was equally as important as learning to produce food? _____

Instead of following herds, farmers could _____

What did these early people use the animals for? _____

Farming Changes Societies

Because of farming, people could focus on activities other than finding food. What were some of these activities and describe them?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What is a megalith? _____

What did these people use megaliths for? _____

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