



World History

Unit 1 - PreHistory

Study Guide

A study guide is for your benefit. It gives you an outline of what you need to know for the test. This study guide is a graded assignment and due on the day of the test.

*Know the meaning of the following key terms for this chapter:

hominid
anthropologist
archeologists
artifact
nomad
culture
deity

prehistory
artisan
paleontologists
radio carbon dating
Aborigines
technology
Cro-Magnons

myth
Neanderthals
domestication
economy
cultural diffusion
civilization

1. How did the first villages and towns come about?
2. Why was the invention of the needle important?
3. Describe the Homo Erectus:
4. Who was usually the head of a band and why?
5. What were the three possible reasons that the Cro Magnons painted on their cave walls?
6. Why do we give the Stone Age its name?
7. Which three ways did people respond to the Ice Ages?
8. What three things did the *Australopithecus* eat in the humid forests of Eastern and Southern Africa?
9. Describe the Homo Habilus:
10. Describe the Homo Sapiens:
11. List the four areas of the world that were once land bridges during prehistoric times and are now separated by water.
12. What was the main reason that early humans did not live in one place for very long?
13. How did the invention of farming and agriculture change humanity in prehistory?
14. Describe the importance of the Neolithic Revolution to humanity.
15. Divide the Stone Age into the three categories and describe each category.
16. List and describe reasons why the acquisition of language was so important to early humanity.