

Aim: Who were the first human beings?

Do Now: Handout on Skulls.

Ask them what conclusions can be drawn from these skulls about human evolution.

- I. Paleolithic\* Era
  - a. Existed 25 Million to 12,000 BCE
  - b. Known as the Old Stone Age
  - c. Homo Erectus, Neanderthal, Cro-Magnon were early humans
  - d. Homo Sapiens appear 25,000 BCE
  - e. Characteristically hunter/gatherers, nomadic\*
  - f. At the mercy of climate, famine & natural disasters
  - g. Lived in natural caves & canyons, eventually built simple shelters/huts
  - h. Created simple tools using bone, wood & stone
  - i. Used fire
  - j. Clothing was animal skin & guts
  - k. Art: cave paintings
  - l. Religion is Animism\*
  - m. Declined around 12,000 BCE from changing climate
  - n. End of the Ice Age
  
- II. Mesolithic\*
  - a. Existed 12,000 to 10,000 BCE
  - b. Known as the transition from ice age to warmer climate
  
- III. Neolithic\* Revolution
  - a. 10,000 BCE End of Ice Age
  - b. Milder warmer climate
  - c. Population grew
    - i. 2 million during the ice age
    - ii. 10 million lived around 5000 BCE
  - d. The need for more food caused people to settle in areas
  - e. Farming was created
  - f. Domestication of animals (first was dog, then horses, oxen)
  - g. Led to Pastoralism\*: system based on the raising and herding of livestock
  
- IV. Effects
  - a. Settled communities appeared
  - b. People were tied to the land
  - c. Rise in population
  - d. Food surplus
  - e. Development of civilizations soon appeared
  - f. Early forms of gov't, armies, religion
  - g. Growth of towns, roads, & stone monuments
  - h. Use of metals like copper & tin
  - i. \*\*\*The two earliest cities were Jericho & Çatal Hüyük located in Palestine & Turkey

Paleolithic Era versus Neolithic Era chart

Categories	Paleolithic Era	Neolithic Era
Social	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. lived in small nomadic groups</li> <li>2. hunter &amp; gatherer</li> <li>3. 30-50 people</li> <li>4. constantly moving</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social structure</li> <li>2. New agriculture</li> <li>3. Domesticating animals</li> <li>4. Food surplus</li> <li>5. Settled farming</li> <li>6. Growing population</li> </ol>
Government	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Elders controlled the clan</li> <li>2. Power organized based on age</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hierarchy</li> <li>2. Military &amp; religious leaders had authority</li> </ol>
Economy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everyone shared property</li> <li>2. People were all equal</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valued tools, food, clothes, pottery</li> <li>2. All of these important</li> <li>3. Private property</li> <li>4. Private wealth</li> </ol>
Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Good health</li> <li>2. If clan suffered from a virus, the whole clan would become extinct</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declined health</li> <li>2. Cavities, malaria, tuberculosis, typhoid fever were now rampant</li> </ol>
Roles of Men	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Men were rulers</li> <li>2. Elders controlled power</li> <li>3. They were the hunters</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power now in warrior and religious men's hands</li> <li>2. Plowed fields</li> <li>3. New jobs</li> </ol>
Roles of Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gathered nuts, twigs, roots</li> <li>2. Child bearing was limited</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Had more children because of new farming</li> <li>2. Children were more helpful</li> <li>3. Shorter lives</li> <li>4. Stayed with children</li> </ol>

## Gender Roles

Aim: How were women treated throughout history?

### I. Role of women during Old Stone Age

- Gathered berries
- Tended to children
- Shared equal responsibility for food
- Many religious female gods

### II. Neolithic Age

- Men have harder jobs: they plow and hunt
- Man = military
- Women bear more and more children
- Rise of patriarchy (society based on males)
- Men own and inherit property
- Men were concerned with who inherited property
- Begin to regulate women's sexual behavior
- Early idea of marriage
- 2000 b.c.e introduction of the veil
- Religion stressed more male gods, less females
- Overtime, women's status declines and they lose rights