**Unit 1: Origins of Humans Notes**

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Image** |
| **BC/BCE** |  |  |
| **Artifact** |  |  |
| **Culture** |  |  |
| **Hominid** |  |  |

**Searching for Human Origins:**

* There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ main groups of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that search for and study the origins of humans.
	+ Archeologist: study \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ left by prehistoric peoples. They do this by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at different sites in the hopes of finding items such as jewelry, pottery, weapons, or even art.
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: study prehistoric culture. These scientists study artifacts found at archeological \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and try to re-create a picture of prehistoric people’s culture.
	+ Paleontologists: study \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Theses scientists search for bones in attempt to understand how humans developed and even what early humans ate.

**Evidence of Early Hominids:**

* For several hundred years people have tried to understand prehistoric people. The greatest breakthroughs in understanding occurred in the late \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Mary Leakey- in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led an archeological team in search of hominids in Tanzania in East \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Her team discovered foot prints belonging to a hominid called an australopithecine.
* Donald Johnson- His team in 1974 discovered a complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the same hominid in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They named the skeleton “Lucy”. She was dated to have lived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago.

**Stone Age:**

* Scientists call the period in which early humans began to create tools, use fire, and develop early language as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age. This period is split in to two smaller time periods:
	+ Paleolithic Age: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stone age”. Lasted from 2.5 million to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B.C.
	+ Neolithic Age: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stone age”. Lasted from 8000- 3000 B.C. (Lithic- means rock)
		- This age is known for pottery, agriculture, and domestication of animals.

**Beginning of Modern Humans:**

* It is believed that a group of hominids known as *Homo erectus* developed into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man, *Homo sapiens*.
* Neanderthals- discovered in 1856 in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Believed to of developed funeral rituals.
* Cro-Magnon- emerged around 40,000 years ago. Identical to modern humans. Were skilled hunters.
* All of these groups, including *Homo sapiens* (modern man), spread around the world beginning in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over millions of years.

**Advances in Technology:**

* For tens of thousands of years people of the Old Stone Age were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ People that move from place to place in search of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sources.
	+ Groups that collected both plants and hunted animals were known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In order to hunt they had to create specialized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as spears, hooks, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and harpoons. They made these out stone, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and wood.
* We know what they hunted by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paintings they created.

**Beginnings of Agriculture:**

* Neolithic Revolution: the period that changed human lives because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ Many of the early crops grown were grains such as wheat, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and oats.
	+ By growing crops humans had a more reliable source of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Humans also began to domesticate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Humans domesticated horses, sheep, goats, pigs, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Within a few thousand years farming techniques had spread to other parts of the world including Africa, China, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Central America, and Peru.

**What Do You Think?**

What do you think began to develop as a result of many people no longer being nomadic but instead growing crops and living on farms?

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