

Questions about Early Man
6th Grade Social Studies

1. What is an **object** made by, or used by, people in the past called? (Examples include a bit of rope, a spear, a lamp with oil made from animal fat.)
 - a. archeologist
 - b. artifact
 - c. religion
 - d. culture

2. A **person who studies artifacts** for clues about the past is called a(n) _____.
 - a. cave painter
 - b. biologist
 - c. archeologist
 - d. cave dweller

3. What do we call the time in history **before writing was invented**?
 - a. prehistoric
 - b. ancient
 - c. native
 - d. futuristic

4. The cave paintings, found at **Lascaux, France**, showing prehistoric animals, were believed to have been painted approximately _____ years ago.
 - a. 170
 - b. 1,700
 - c. 17,000
 - d. 17,000,000

5. **Prehistoric humans** are given what name?
 - a. aliens
 - b. hominids
 - c. hunters
 - d. archers

6. What does an **anthropologist** do?
 - a. an anthropologist studies the migration of dinosaurs
 - b. an anthropologist studies human development and culture
 - c. an anthropologist studies trees and plants only in Australia
 - d. an anthropologist travels to far-off places to enter inactive volcanoes

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7. What was true about early hominids, called **Australopithecus**, who lived more than 3 million years ago?
 - a. they were about 3 feet tall
 - b. they had a mix of human and ape features
 - c. they had large heads, with foreheads and jaws that stuck out
 - d. all of the above

8. Anthropologists, by studying the bones of Australopithecus' like Lucy, figured out that they were **bipeds**. What does **bipeds** mean?
 - a. that they had two, animal-like horns on their heads
 - b. that they had no legs
 - c. that they crawled on 'all fours' to get around
 - d. that they walked on two feet

9. Why did the anthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey call the hominid remains they found **Homo habilis**, or "Handy Man"?
 - a. because they believed this group of hominids had the ability to make tools
 - b. because it had two hands
 - c. because the males had handsome features
 - d. none of the above

10. What is believed to be true about the group of hominids called **Homo Erectus**, who lived between 1.8 million and 200,000 years ago?
 - a. they walked upright, and some were as tall as modern humans
 - b. they managed fire for heat, light, and cooking meat, and were able to carry fire with them when traveling
 - c. that they lived and traveled in groups
 - d. all of the above