

Topic - Chapter - 1 "Earliest People"

Good Morning students,

Today we are going to set our focus on the topic "Earliest People" Chapter - 1 starting on page number - 7 of your text book titled - "Time Trek" Book - 5 c

All the students may kindly open page number - 7 of your text books. If all the students are ready let us start with the topic - "Earliest People". So, Dear students kindly pay attention as I am going to explain the topic. In this chapter we will find out how humans have evolved into modern humans and the sources that help us to learn about early humans. Let us discuss -

Evolution of Humans:-

Evolution is a process by which different kinds of living organisms have developed from early forms during the history of the earth. Human evolution is a lengthy process of change by which people originated from ape-like ancestors. Physical and behavioural patterns of humans

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have evolved over a period of about six million years. Human beings passed through several stages of Evolution.

1)



The earliest human beings were known as Hominids. They first appeared in Africa. They were called Australopithecus. Their name means the 'Southern Ape'. They lived naked like other animals, ate fruits, nuts, insects and worms.

2)



Homo habilis

Then came the Homo habilis that had some advanced human like characteristics. They were the first early humans who walked like animals using hands and legs.

3)



Homo erectus

Hominids learnt to walk erect over a period of 1.5 million years known as Homo erectus. Their name means the upright man. Then the Neanderthal man came into existence.

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4)



Homo sapiens

Over a period of time, their brain capacity developed, Homo erectus men learnt to protect themselves and secure their livelihood by coordinating their intellectual and physical abilities. They developed into modern men around a thousand years ago and were called Homo sapiens, which means 'wise man'. They knew the art of making refined tools.

So Human beings passed through several stages of evolution. This process of evolution was very slow and brought many changes in the life of man and ultimately transformed the lives of human beings.

So with this, we have completed our today's topic. Now to check your understanding of the concept taught here I am giving you some Home assignment questions.

1) List five important features of early humans.

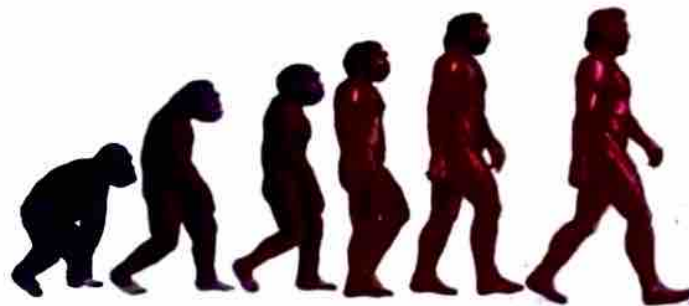
2) Write the ^{names of} five stages in human evolution.

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Good Morning Students,

This lesson is of Class-5 for the subject of History and Civics in which Chapter-1 "Earliest People" is continued with the explanation of the topic - "Sources or evidence to study early humans" of your text book, titled "Time Trek-5".

Students we have already discussed the topic "Evolution of Humans" in the previous week. The stages of human evolution are - Hominid, Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Neanderthal man and Homo sapiens and we are the Homo sapiens sapiens or modern man. As we have evolved from Homo sapiens.



Evolution of Early Man

2. Utensils and Tools [Artefacts] :-

Some artefacts such as utensils and tools, which were made by the early humans help us to understand the history of early humans. Utensils were used to store grains, water and food. They used utensils of various shapes and sizes.



UTENSILS

3. Tools :- Early humans used stones on a large scale for various purposes. They made tools by hitting one stone with another stone until it had a sharp edge. Slowly tools got better, they became thinner and sharper. These tools were used to cut trees, meat and animal skins.



TOOLS

4. Cave Paintings:- When the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and water were fulfilled then early humans began to express themselves through painting and drawing.



Cave paintings of early humans

They used cave walls as their canvas. These paintings give us information about their life, their food habits and their daily activities. In India, such cave paintings are found in Bhimbetka in Madhya Pradesh.

So now students as we have read this chapter, so we will recount the topic by means of a short test. Complete the exercises A, B and C of Chapter-1, given on page number-10 of your text books. Answer Key will be sent to you on 15th April, 2021.

Thank You.