

Study Guide for Lesson 1, The Stone Age

What is the Stone Age and when did the Stone Age occur?

- It is an era of Earth's history that began about ____ million years ago.
- A_____ found the earliest evidence of humans using stone tools
- The S_____ A_____ lasted until about 4000 B.C
- Nearly all of the development on Earth occurred in an area of A_____, called the Fertile Crescent
- It is separated into ____ time periods

Paleolithic Time Period

1. "Paleo" means "_____" in Latin.
2. This era was about 2,500,000 years-12,000 years ago.
3. Hominins (Early _____) had basic stone tools
4. The early humans in this time were N_____, or cavemen
5. They were hunter-_____. They had to follow animals and didn't stay in one place long.
6. Their life was n_____, they didn't build homes' rather they moved around. Men _____, women _____ and cared for children. They had very small communities called _____.
7. The most important discovery in the Paleolithic era was _____
8. Their tools were mostly stone used make simple a_____ and s_____
9. **This is the longest time period of human history. 99% of time from the beginning of man until 2023 was Paleolithic. It ended with the last ice age at 9600BC

Mesolithic Time Period

1. "Meso" means _____ in Latin
2. It lasted from about 9,500-8,000BC
3. It occurred between the P_____ and N_____ time periods
4. Humans call Sapiens lived during the M_____ time.
5. These Sapiens were still mostly n_____, but began to remain in one area for a season and not just follow herds for food. They were learning about more edible plants.
6. The Mesolithic people were the first in history to domesticate d_____.
7. They began making better t_____s; they were smaller and polished
8. One important tool was the ADZE, with a wooden handle and blade. It was used to carve wood

9. They invented _____ nets and hooks. This gave them more food while staying in one area. They carved storage and cooking _____.

3. **Neolithic Period.**

1. "Neo" means "_____" in Latin
2. It overlaps the Mesolithic time, but scientists believe it began around 7,500BC and ended around 2000BC.
3. People began to settle down. They built _____ out of logs and mud. This gave them shelter
4. This brought important c_____ to how people lived.
5. People discovered that s_____ could be saved and planted to grow again.
6. They kept herds of animals such as sh_____, p_____, and g_____.
7. This gave them extra food, and they needed places to store it
8. The wh_____, pl_____, and l_____ were invented.
9. The very important development of land o_____ led to the development of l_____ that gave villages rules to follow, and the first a_____ was formed to protect a large group of people.