

Lesson #11

Early Humans (Part I)



Stone Age Tools

The story of humanity starts in Africa, where the earliest hominid species developed. **Hominids** are the ancestors and close relatives of human beings. There are records of hominids which date back millions of years.

Hominids had no written language, so everything we know about them comes from artifacts and fossils. From these, scientists have learned many things. One is that hominids lived and traveled in small groups to forage and hunt packs of animals. Another is that they were **hunter-gatherers**. This means that all of their food was either hunted (animals) or gathered (vegetables, nuts, and berries). They did not yet raise their own animals or crops. Hominids learned to use fire. They also developed stone tools to help them with hunting and digging. Hominids lived during the Stone Age when stone was the main material for tool-making.

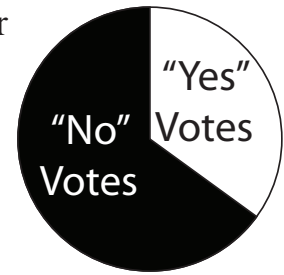
1. On what continent did early human life originate? _____

2. What is the name of the age when most tools were made of stone?

3. Early humans were hunter-gatherers. How do we know this?
 - A) There is a primary source document written by an early human.
 - B) There is a secondary source document written by early humans.
 - C) There are many artifacts and fossils to support this hypothesis.
 - D) There are stories passed down through oral tradition.

4. Write C if the underlined part of the sentence states a *cause* or E if it states an *effect*.
_____ Early humans often traveled because they hunted packs of migratory animals.

5. The shaded portion of the circle graph at right shows the number of people that voted **against** Issue 2. Did Issue 2 pass or fail?

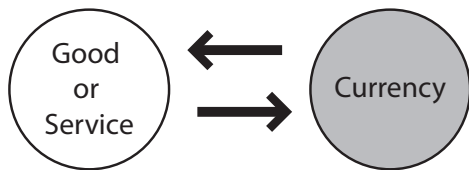


It passed. It failed.

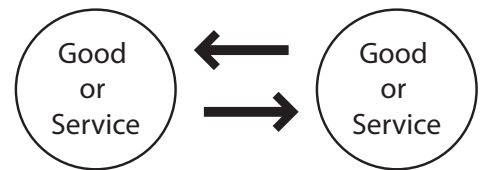
6. In what type of government was the vote on Issue 2 most likely taken?

dictatorship republic theocracy empire

7. What was the method of exchange between prehistoric people who existed before the development of money?



commerce



bartering

8. Name a major river, a major desert, and a major mountain range in Asia. Use the Physical World Map in the *Help Pages* for help.

_____ _____ _____
 river desert mountain range

- 9 – 10. Place the letters of each event on the timeline below.

History of Archaeology

- A) 1949 CE Willard Libby develops carbon dating.
- B) 900s CE Muslim intellectuals study Egyptian artifacts.
- C) 1700s CE Johann Winckelmann establishes scientific archaeology.
- D) Year Zero
- E) 1088 CE Shen Kuo writes about archaeology in his Dream Pool Essays.
- F) 1400s CE Ciriaco de' Pizzicolli learns of and documents his findings on ancient Greek relics and architecture.

