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Period: _____

Unit 2: Early Human Life

VOCABULARY & ACTIVITY PACKET

“Chapter 1: The First Humans and the Paleolithic Era” Text

Questions/Responses

How are archaeologists different from anthropologists in terms of what they study?

What are some of the examples of what an anthropologists would focus on when studying a society?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

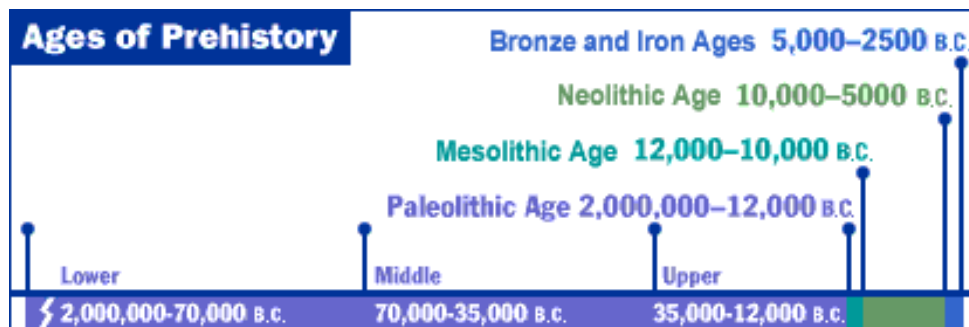
Look at the map on page 4. On which modern-day continents has there been evidence of the first humans?

Vocabulary

1) *prehistory* = _____

2) *archaeology* = _____

3) *anthropologists* = _____



HOW DO HISTORIANS TELL TIME?

BC/BCE vs. AD/CE Time Periods

Time periods are based upon where the year is in history compared to the Year 1 AD. The current year calendar we use is based upon the system developed hundreds of years ago by the Christian Church. Year 1 represents the year that Jesus was born (a significant date in the Christian religion).

B.C. = _____

A.D. = _____

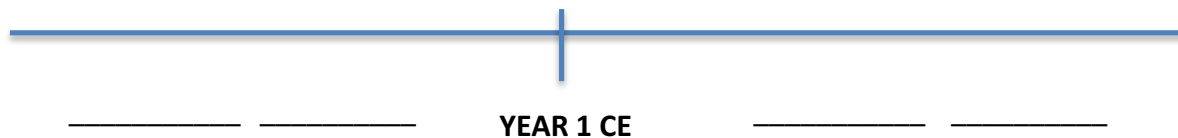
B.C.E. = _____

C.E. = _____

Examples: 147 B.C. or 2000 B.C.E.

Examples: A.D. 2015 or 1545 C.E.

Write the time era labels on the correct side of the timeline.



Now it's your turn! Put the following dates in chronological order – from the farthest in history to most recent year.

**You can list the years in chronological order or create a timeline below.

**Pay attention to the labels; remember what they mean!

All Mixed Up!

Correct Order:

3500 B.C.

A.D. 963

70 C.E.

A.D. 1215

6500 B.C.E.

537 B.C.E.

50 C.E.

1039 B.C.

100 B.C.

1934 C.E.

815 C.E.

1 C.E.

16,000 B.C.

A.D. 1715

“The Paleolithic Life” Text

Questions/Responses

During the Paleolithic Era, what are some of the items that early humans made?

How did hunter-gatherers divide jobs between men and women?

What climate event pushed early humans to travel to other regions & continents in the world?

What are three examples of how Paleolithic people used art to communicate?

What could handprints in cave art possibly represent? _____

Vocabulary

4) *Paleolithic Era* = _____

*tools were built with _____

5) *hunter-gatherers* = _____

6) *nomads* = _____

7) *Great Migration* = _____

"The Neolithic Era" Text

Questions/Responses

During the Neolithic Era, what are some examples of staple crops that were planted in different parts of the world?

As people began to farm more, what types of areas did they look to settle/farm?

What types of communities developed because of the Neolithic Revolution (shift to farming)?

What animals that were domesticated by early humans?

What happened to the size of populations in communities because of food surpluses?

How did the division of labor change because of food surpluses?

What materials did tools start to be made out of in early human villages during and after the Neolithic Age?

Vocabulary

8) *Neolithic Era* = _____

year range: _____

9) *sedentary* = _____

10) *domesticate* = _____

11) *Neolithic Revolution (Agricultural Revolution)* =

12) *irrigation system* = _____

13) *surplus* = _____
