

Unit 1 - Intro to Study of Man

Topics:

1. Historical Method:

- Ways to study history
- Branches of historical study (archeology, anthropology, paleontology, paleoanthropology)
- Otzi - who was he and what the discovery of his body taught us

2. Human Origins:

- Evolution Timeline (readings for homework)
- important developments / characteristics that occurred over time (ex. bipedalism)
- ex. Australopithecines to Homo Sapiens (main species ex. A. Afarensis, Habilis, H. Erectus, H. Sapiens Neanderthalensis, H. Sapiens Sapiens)
- where did these species originate? where did they travel to? (map activity readings and notes)
- social revolution assignment - fire (article), groupings, tools, etc.
- Before We Ruled the Earth - film

3. Neolithic Revolution:

- What was it? When?
- The 'Great Leap Forward' – what types of things were improving/developing? (better tools, farming, social organization . . .)
- Impact? (development of agriculture, domestication, surplus foods, growing populations, sedentary lifestyle . . .) – how could 1 thing lead to another?(article readings)

4. The Birth of Civilization

- Definition of 'civilization'
- 7 Characteristics of a civilization (ex. favourable geography . . .)
- Switch from pre-history to history