



Guided Reading Activity 1-1

Early Humans

DIRECTIONS: As you read Section 1, complete the following statements in the space provided.

1. Archaeology is the study of past societies through an analysis of _____
2. Anthropology is the study of _____
3. One of the most important and difficult jobs of both archaeologists and anthropologists is _____
4. Radiocarbon dating is only accurate for objects no more than _____
5. Scientists such as Donald Johanson say the first humanlike creatures flourished in _____
6. *Homo sapiens* means _____
7. One of the basic distinguishing features of human beings is _____
8. The Paleolithic Age is used to designate the early period of history in which humans used _____
9. Paleolithic people moved from place to place because _____
10. Perhaps most important to early humans' ability to adapt to new, harsh, and colder climates was _____
11. During the Ice Age, sheets of thick ice covered large parts of _____
12. Prehistoric people could paint with the colors red, yellow, and black by crushing and combining _____



Guided Reading Activity 1-2

The Neolithic Revolution

DIRECTIONS: As you read Section 2, answer the questions on the lines provided.

1. What does the Greek word *Neolithic* mean?

2. Describe the revolution in human development that took place in the Neolithic Age.

3. Name the crops that were grown and the animals that were domesticated in Southwest Asia during this time.

4. In what areas did the first Neolithic farming villages appear?

5. When farming produced food surpluses in communities, this freed people to do what activities other than growing crops?

6. Describe the process by which the durable metal bronze was first created.

7. By the beginning of the Bronze Age, large numbers of people were concentrated in what geographical locations?

8. List the six basic characteristics of civilizations.

9. What do governments do?

10. Rulers, priests, merchants, and artisans used writing for a very important purpose. What was it?

11. Why were temples and pyramids built in ancient cities?
