

Lesson 2—Study Guide

Name: _____

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1. In what order did the hominids appear?

(Hint—Use your timeline in your workbook. 😊)

2. Scientists have found Neanderthal burial mounds and Neanderthal bones that had broken and then healed. Because of these findings, what do they believe about the Neanderthals?

3. Early modern humans invented the spear thrower. What did this invention enable them to do that earlier hominids could not do?

4. Which type of hominid first used fire?

5. Researchers have found that Upright Man was tall and thin, had strong bones, stood up straight, and walked and ran. Based on these traits, what would you expect researchers to discover about Upright Man?
6. You are digging at an archeological site and find a knife with a sharp, thin blade. What does your finding show?
7. In one location, researchers found the bones of more than on Handy Man. What is the best conclusion you can reach based on their finding?
8. What could Lucy do that gorillas could not do?

9. Which is the earliest known hominid?
10. Scientists have located the remains of five groups of hominids in different parts of the world. Choose three of the groups of early hominids from the ones discussed in class. Put the continents that each group lived on for each one you chose.

11. For each of the three groups of hominids list when they existed, where they existed, and one important feature.

Australopithecus afarensis:

Upright Man:

Neanderthal: