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* You will then be validated on the information you have learnt from the articles, your extended response and the content covered in class on hominid evolution.
* You are permitted to bring the **articles (highlighter only – no notes)** into class (a copy of which can be found on Connect). Notes to be handed in prior to assessment.

**FOCUS QUESTIONS**

* Give reasons why the discovery of *Homo naledi* was significant in terms of human evolution.
* Where and how was *H.naledi* discovered?
* What evidence indicates that *H*.*naledi* should be placed in the Genus *Homo*
* What are the primitive features of *H.naledi* and what might they indicate about lifestyle
* Why has it been difficult to date the fossil remains.
* What evidence is there of the culture associated with *naledi*?

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