

ANTH 2151 Midterm Study Guide

These are the major learning objectives for the first half of the semester and may help you structure your review.

1. Describe the basic principles underlying archaeological fieldwork and interpretation.
2. Identify the features that characterize the distinct eras of stone tool making.
3. Discuss the controversy surrounding Neanderthals' and Denisovans' place in human evolution.
4. Describe the cultural and technological developments of the Upper Paleolithic era.
5. Identify the emerging diversity of human cultures during the Upper Paleolithic.
6. Describe the evidence of symbolic thought and the expanding role of art in ancient peoples.
7. Explain how humans came to inhabit the entire globe.
8. Identify the Mesolithic roots of farming and pastoralism.
9. Describe the mechanisms of and evidence for plant and animal domestication.
10. Compare theories about the reasons for the shift in lifestyles from mobile hunting and gathering to sedentary food production.
11. Identify the various centers of domestication.
12. Examine the effects of food production on population size.
13. Describe how means of subsistence affect other aspects of social organization.
14. Compare hierarchical notions of progress to the evidence for cultural changes involved in the shift from hunter-gatherer lifeways to those of the Neolithic.