



Greetings!

I am *Homo neanderthalensis*, and I am the most recent hominin other than *Homo sapiens*. I was known for a large cranium. I masterfully flaked stone tools into existence. I also was capable of making fire, which was useful given how I existed during an ice age. I stayed in shelters and respected my fallen by holding funeral proceedings for them. My name stems from the Neander Valley in Germany, where the first fossil remains of my species were found.