

**SMITH BATCH**



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**CHAPTER- EVOLUTION  
OF HUMAN BEINGS**

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## INTRODUCTION



The people who lived on the Earth thousands and thousands of years ago are called the early humans .The early humans lived in prehistoric times. It was the time when no one knew how to read or write, and therefore we do not have any written material or record of how people lived in those times.



# Sources That Tell Us About The Early Humans

Anthropologists and other scientists study the bones and skeletons of the early humans and animals belonging to the prehistoric times to get an insight into their lives. We also get some information about the early humans from their tools, weapons and shelters, and cave paintings on the walls of the caves in which they lived.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A fossil is the trace of an animal or plant from the prehistoric times that has been preserved in Earth's crust . Palaeontologists study fossils to understand the kind of life that lived on the Earth many, many years ago .

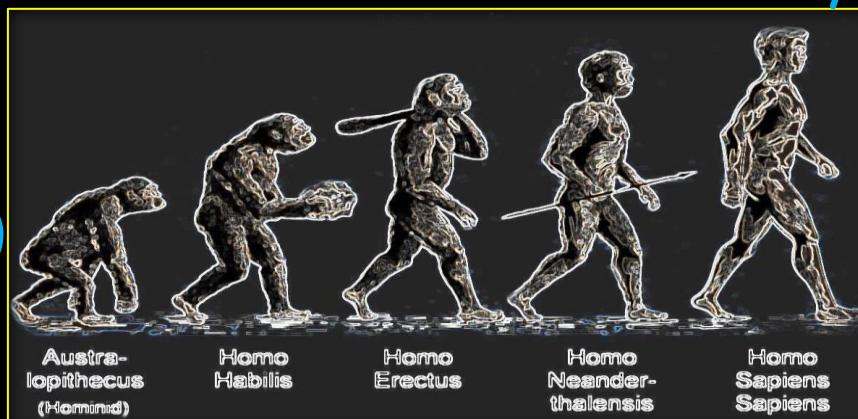
## WORD TO KNOW

**anthropologist:** the person who undertakes the study of the human race, especially, of its origins, development, customs and beliefs

# SANGHARSH BATCH The Human Evolution

The development of plants and animals over many thousands of years from simple early forms to more advanced ones is called evolution. The story of evolution helps us to understand how human beings came to be what they are today . There are many different theories about human origins. It was earlier believed that humans evolved from apes. However, with more scientific information now available, it is believed that humans did not evolve from apes. Findings show that modern humans and apes developed from the same apelike ancestor. It was around 5 million years ago that the ancestors of humans became separate from the ancestors of apes. After which each group developed on its own . Scientists have classified the early humans into three distinct categories:

- Homo habilis (the first to make tools of stone)
- Homo erectus (the first to stand upright and use fire)
- Homo sapiens (the thinking people)



## The Stone Age

The Stone Age is the period in history when human beings used various kinds of tools made of stone. The period can be divided into:

- The Palaeolithic Age or the Old Stone Age
- The Mesolithic Age or the Middle Stone Age
- The Neolithic Age or the New Stone Age
- The Chalcolithic Age or the Stone-Copper Age

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