

# Unit 2: Paleolithic Age to the Neolithic Revolution

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## **Part I : WHI.2a**

Homo sapiens: Modern man

Hunter-Gatherers: People who depended on animals and plants for food

## **Part II: WHI.2b**

Paleolithic: Old Stone Age (25 million – 8000 B.C.)

Culture: A set of beliefs, knowledge, and patterns of living a group of people have

Neanderthal: Early people who lived during the Old Stone Age

Cro-Magnon: Group of early people appearing about 35,000 years ago in Europe

Nomads: People who wander from place to place in search of food

## **Part III: WHI.2c**

Neolithic Revolution: Shift in human history from food gathering to food producing

Agriculture: Raising of crops for food

Domestication: Taming of animals such as cattle, goats, sheep, and pigs

Neolithic: New Stone Age (8000 B.C. – 3000 B.C.)

Barter: Exchange of one good or service for another

Specialization: Development of skills in a specific kind of work

Cultural Diffusion: Spread of culture from one area of the world to another

Civilization: A form of culture characterized by cities, specialized workers, complex institutions, record keeping, and advanced technology

Mesolithic: (Middle Stone Age) Period of transition between the Old and New Stone Age

Irrigation System: system of ditches/canals that transports water from a source into a crop field

Artisans: Skilled workers who make goods by hand

## **Part IV: WHI.2d**

Prehistory: The time before written records

Fossils: Remains of plants and animals

Artifacts: Human-made objects (tools, jewelry)

Archaeology: The study of early civilizations and culture

Culture: A set of beliefs, knowledge, and patterns of living that a group of people have

Radiocarbon dating: Scientific test to analyze fossils and artifacts

Stonehenge: Archaeological site in England begun during the Neolithic Age and finished during the Bronze Age

Aleppo: Archaeological site located in the Fertile Crescent (modern day Syria)

Jericho: Archaeological site located in the Fertile Crescent (modern day Palestine)

Catalhoyuk: Neolithic settlement currently under excavation in Anatolia

Archaeologists: Scientists who study past civilizations and cultures