



ARCHAEOLOGY 213

THE NEAR EAST IN THE STONE AGE I

OR

THE HUMAN STORY I

Final Examination

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I

Identification of icons
of *Homo sapiens sapiens*

Major actors and activities captured by the camera this century in Africa (1) to (9) and Europe (8) & (10), are presented to you in the attached collage. Together they illustrate main aspects of the environment and daily life of surviving native and prehistoric hunting/gathering people.

Briefly describe each of these actors and activities one by one.

How can these pictures help you visualise the life of Stone Age humans? Try and join the elements given to you above into a short story of human life in the hunting/gathering stage, pointing out major aspects highlighted by the illustrations.

II

Elements of evolution

Lines of evidence for the story of hominids and early humans come together from many different fields of investigation:

- palaeoenvironmental studies
- the fossil bone record or skeletal remains including teeth;
- tools and ornaments or human technology;
- primate studies and animal behavior;
- ethnographies of living native peoples;
- the human infant or studies in living prehistory;
- and others.

Discuss evidence collected from three of these fields of investigation.

Archaeology is moreover the indicator of our ancestors' behavior.

In view of the above, do you believe the full human story will ever be told ?

