

THE HUMAN STORY I

THE OLD STONE AGE I (up to ca. 10,000 BC)

Final Examination

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Time: TWO Hours

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I IDENTIFY THE ICONS (50 minutes)

- The TEN (10) icons on the attached page represent specific environments, actors, activities and human creations (artifacts).
- Please, identify each of the above in key words or a brief paragraph.

II TELL THE STORY (70 minutes)



The discovery in Africa of Australopithecines, and the study of their skeletal remains and teeth have revealed that they were bipedal, did not eat meat as a regular part of their diet, and were unable to hunt large animals. They were mainly peaceful vegetarians, rather like chimps and gorillas today. The first—early twentieth century—popular image of the 'murderous ape' is now as extinct as the Australopithecines themselves.

How essential were the new—late twentieth century and on—research methodologies used in Prehistoric Archaeology, in enabling us to more correctly piece together the story of our fossil ancestors?

There are important other sources of information to indicate that early humans of both sexes were food-sharing, creative, and rather more cooperative than assumed by many at the beginning of prehistoric research.

If you wanted to make a film about the environmental context or 'world', and the life style of some of our 'Stone Age' ancestors, where would you look for your information, where would you go to shoot the film, and what story or stories would you tell?



