

PREHISTORY

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Prehistory is the period that:

-begins with the appearance of the human being (about five million years ago)

-finishes with the invention of writing

First humans appeared in Africa.

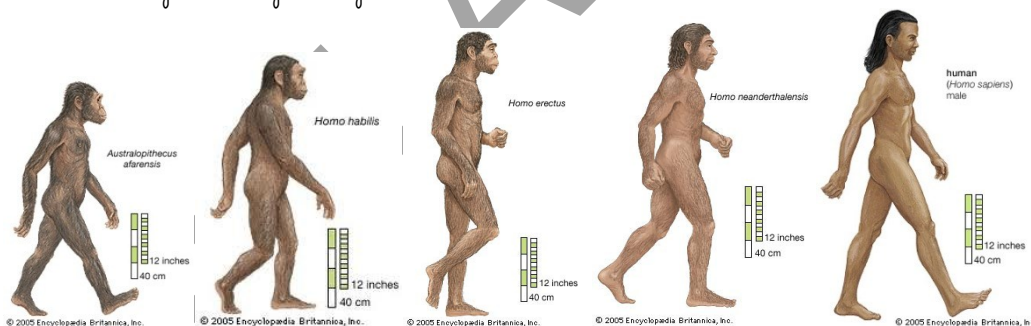
We know about their life because of:

- the fossils
- the rests of tools and objects that we found.

HUMANS

Prehistoric humans changed a lot along the history.

- They were small.
- They were stronger than us.
- Their body was covered by lots of hair.
- They died younger than us.



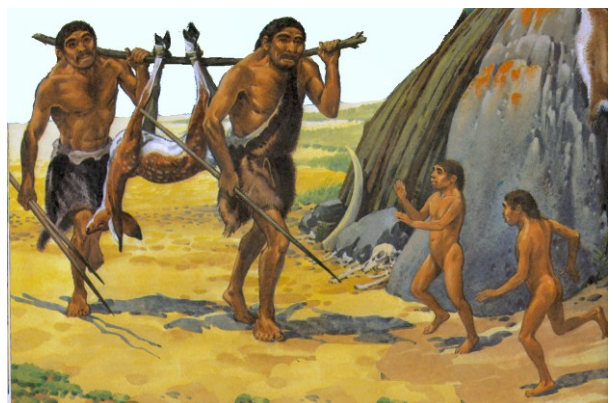
WAY OF LIFE

Humans lived in groups as a community = **TRIBES**.

They lived in groups to protect and to help each others

They used to live in caves and simple cabins.

At the beginning they were **NOMADS**. This means that they move from one place to another



following animals and plants to eat.

JOBS

First humans were hunters and gatherers (they collected fruit, and plants).

They became harvesters (they grew their own vegetables).

FOOD.

They ate meat from the animals they hunt (mammoths, bison, deers,...), fish, vegetables, fruits, seeds and roots.

CLOTHES.

1. First humans were naked (their hair protect them).
2. They started to use fur and leather to cover their bodies.
3. They also decorated their body and clothes with bracelets and necklaces.



TOOLS

First humans used stones and sticks to make weapons and tools.

A very important discovery was the FIRE.

ART

They painted the caves with ash, blood, powder and mud.

They drew animals and humans.

In Spain there is a cave with lots of these pictures. It is called Altamira. It is in Cantabria.

