DAY Prehistoric Cultures Week 10

Premodern Humans

Neandertals and Other Archaic Homo sapiens

Midterm Quiz 2

This week Neanderthal is on Trial.

And we’ll have a look at Homo habilis and Homo erectus also.

Homo habilis and Homo rudolfensis are sometimes simply referred to as “Early Homo” and sometimes some folks talk only about Homo habilis—favoring a one-species approach to Early Homo.

“Java Man” and “Peking Man” are the best known of the Homo erectus, but don’t forget they had “contemporaries” in Europe and Africa—we met “The Turkana Boy” from Kenya last Thursday.

On Tuesday of this week we’ll see Neanderthal on Trial. There are a number of major problems with Neandertals, including . . .

- “The Neandertal Problem," which is about why the Neandertals disappeared so suddenly about 35,000 ypb
- Are Neandertals a separate species, or are they a variety of Homo sapiens?
- Did they interbreed with the Cro-Magnon? If so, what were the consequences?
- Did the Neandertals speak a language? What kind?
By the way, speaking of Neanderthal problems, technically *Neanderthal* should be spelled *Neandertal*, but you rarely see it spelled that way in the U.S.A. The scientific name *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis* keeps the *h*. (“In 1901 an orthographic reform in Germany changed the spelling of Thal [valley] to Tal” but those changes didn’t apply to scientific terms.)

On Tuesday, I’ll also summarize things for the exam on Thursday.

**Wednesday night**, the night before the exam, there will be an opportunity for a live chat to review for the Exam.

**DAY**
- **Live Chat -- Review for Quiz 2, Wednesday 7 November 2012, 7:00-8:00**

Join the live chat via the “Week 10 Activities” listing.

In the **moodle Forum** this week we have a look at a prehistoric cannibalism . . .

**DAY**
- **Forum: Prehistoric Cannibalism (Due by Friday, 16 November 2012)**

Your **moodle Topics and Reading Assignments Listings for Week 10** will look something like the information at the end of this memo.

As usual, if you have any questions, please let me know: mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu. Or, better yet, post them on your Discussion and Project forum boards.

Share your ideas. Discuss them on-line with the others in class . . .

2012 DAY 1601
- **Live chat for Project Collaboration**
- **General Student Discussion Area Forum**

The above items will be found at the top of your **moodle** folder under “Student Collaboration Space.”

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

Your **moodle** Presentations and Readings Listings for Week 10 will look something like this:

**Anth 1602 Prehistoric Cultures**

**Week 10 — Premodern Humans**

Neandertals and Other Archaic *Homo sapiens*

**Midterm Exam 2**
DAY Midterm Exam 2

The **DAY Midterm Exam Part II** Week 10 Day 20, is scheduled for Thursday, 8 November 2012, on Chs. 8-11

The **Live Chat for the DAY Prehistoric Cultures Exam II** will be Wednesday, 7 November 2012, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Sign in on [moodle](#).

[40 questions, 200 points]

[exam answer sheet](#)

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**"Premodern Humans"**

(aka "Archaics")

(slides: [premoderns.pptx](#))

**Text** Ch. 11 "Premodern Humans"

![Human Family Tree](#)

**National Museum of Natural History**

### Times to Remember

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<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1602/pctimes.html#homoerectus>

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video:

**Neanderthals on Trial -- NOVA**

(60 min., 2002, VC 4333)

film HomePage
course viewing guide
Gibraltar I: Reconstruction of a ca. four-year-old Neandertal
PBS Neandertal
(aka Homo neanderthalensis or Homo sapiens neandertalensis)
Homo sapiens sapiens

Also available at the UMD library:

_The Fate of Neanderthal Man [sic.]_
Episode 1: "The Mammoth Hunter" (52 min., 1999, VC 3647, Pts. 1 and 2)
Episode 2: "The Death of Neanderthal Man [sic.]" (52 min., 1999, VC 3647, Pts. 1 and 2)

For fun, have a look at _Neanderthal's World -- Films for the Humanities_ (97 min., 2001, VC 4592)

[The facts and details in this presentation are good, but the dramatization gets a little carried away. Nonetheless, it's a fun video to watch.]

For Week 10 Activities see:

- Prepare for Exam #2

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assignment:
(after exam)
- Ch. 12, "The Origin and Dispersal of Modern Humans," pp. 279-306