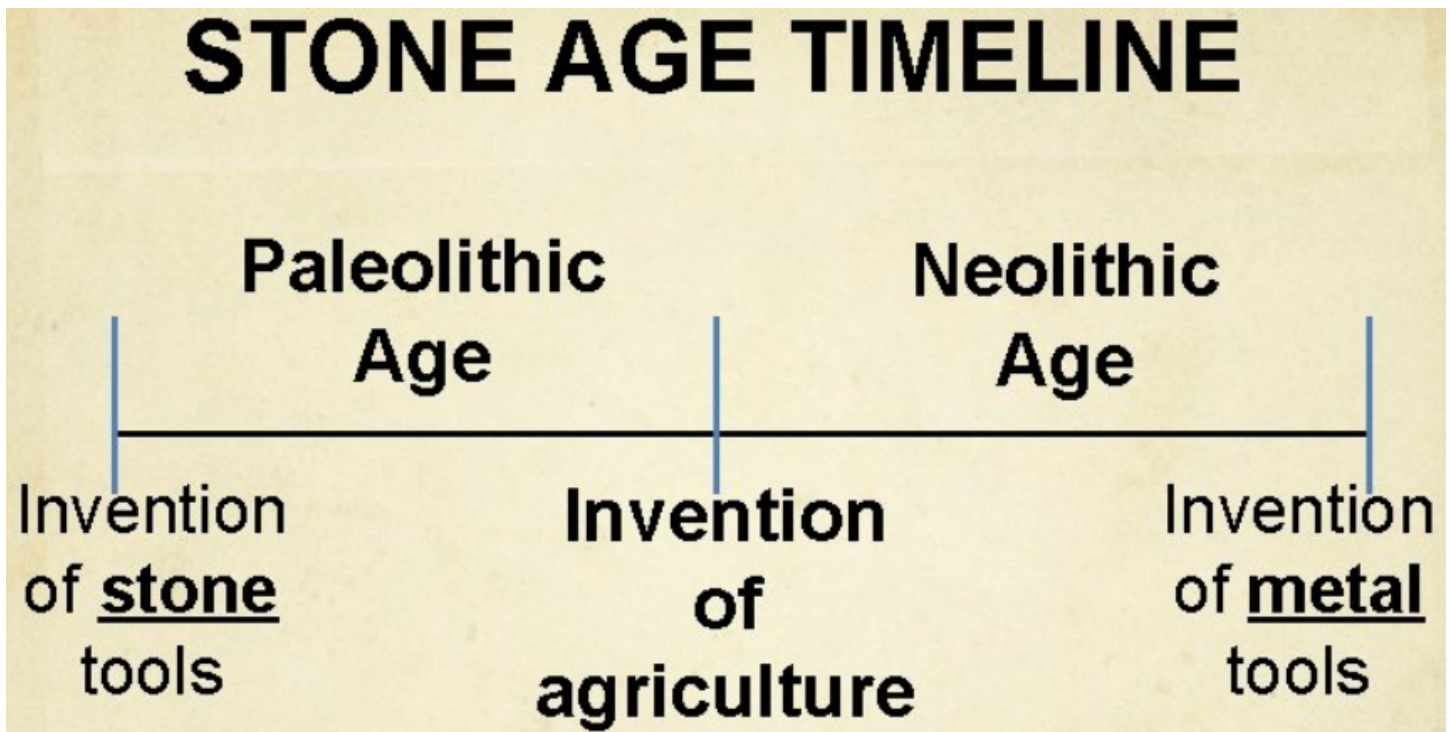


## Incoming 9th Graders: World History 1

The Stone Age is one of the first periods of human history studied by historians. The reason for the name of this era is simple. It is because people used stone for many aspects of their lives: jewelry, tools, and weapons. One of the first sections within this era is the Paleolithic Age. It began about 2.5 million years ago and lasted until around 8000 b.c.. Your objective is to search the provided websites to answer eight different topics about how humans lived during this time. Be sure to answer each question using complete sentences. Then write a five paragraph comparison essay about how humans live back then to how humans live now.



## **Part 1 - Short Answer**

- Tools (<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/stone-tools>)

1. How did humans create the first tools?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What materials did they use to create the tools?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How did tool evolution change from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic eras?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Getting Food + Carrying and Storage:

(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/getting-food>)

(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/carrying-storing>)

1. How did early humans obtain food?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What kinds of food did they eat?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How did they carry and store that food?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What materials did they use for carrying and storage?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Art and Music: Figurines  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/art-music/figurines>)

1. Why did early humans make figurines? What purpose did these figurines serve?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. What kinds of figures are represented in these early figurines?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. What kinds of materials did they use when creating early figurines?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. What can early artwork tell us about our Paleolithic ancestors?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Hearths and Shelters:  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/hearths-shelters>)  
(<https://www.archaeology.org/issues/227-1609/trenches/4742-trenches-france-neanderthal-structures>)

1. How did our Paleolithic ancestors create hearths and shelters?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why did Paleolithic peoples use hearths?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What can Paleolithic hearths and shelters tell us about Paleolithic social organization (how people socialized with one another)?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Burial (<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/burial>) (<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2013/12/131216-la-chapelle-neandertal-burials-graves/>)

1. What do we know about Paleolithic burial practices?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How do we know what we know about Paleolithic burial practices? In other words, what evidence do we have about how our Paleolithic ancestors buried their dead?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What do Paleolithic burial practices tell us about how our earliest ancestors lived?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Recording Information  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/recording-information>)

1. How did paleolithic peoples record information?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What kinds of information do we think they recorded?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What materials did they use to record information?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Making Clothing + Jewlery  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/making-clothing>)  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/art-music/jewelry>)

1. Why did Paleolithic peoples make clothing?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What materials did they use to make clothing and what materials were the clothes themselves made of?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why and how did Paleolithic peoples make jewelry?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Do you think our earliest ancestors had a sense of fashion or style?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Art and Music--Musical Instruments and Rock Art  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/art-music/musical-instruments>)  
(<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/behavior/art-music/rock-art>)

1. Why did Paleolithic peoples make musical instruments and rock art?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What materials did Paleolithic peoples use to make instruments?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What does the existence of Paleolithic musical instruments and rock art tell us about Paleolithic society? In other words, what can we learn from these objects?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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