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| **Australopithecus****(Southern ape)** | **Homo Habilis****(Handyman)** | **Homo Erectus****(Upright man)** |
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| **Approx. 1.2-4 million years ago** | **Approx. 2-1.5 million years ago** | **Approx. 1.6 million to 80 000 years ago** |
| **Basic Description:*** “Prehuman Huminoid”- not fully like human.
* Apelike- walked on 2 legs, not 4.
* Small brains and teeth similar to humans today.
 | **Basic Description:*** Considered the first real human.
* Walked upright with long dangling arms.
* Not skillful hunters but ate meat if they found discarded carcasses.
 | **Basic Description:*** Looked more like us than earlier humans did.
* They were as tall as we are, but stronger.
* Bigger brains than Homo Habilis, but couldn’t talk.
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| **Tools:*** Used simple tools only.
* “Twigs”
 | **Tools:*** Built shelters from branches and used stones as tools.
* Produced tools for chopping, scraping, and cutting by knocking stone flakes off hard stones.
* “Choppers”
 | **Tools:*** Made complex tools, including hand axe and tools for butchering.
* These tools allowed them to hunt game from Africa to Asia.
* “Hand axes”
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| **Additional Facts:**  | **Additional Facts:*** “Handyman” was one of first humanoids to use tools.
* The Stone Age refers to the materials used to make man-made tools.
* Hunters and Gatherers (didn’t plant crops)
 | **Additional Facts:*** Evidence shows that “Upright Man” learned how to make fire.
* Able to cook food- helped reduce disease.
* Fire helped build sense of community.
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| **Homo Sapiens****(Neanderthal)** | **Homo Sapiens****(Cro-Magnon)** | **Homo Sapiens Sapiens****(Modern humans)** |
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| **Approx. 133 000 to 32 000 years ago** | **Approx. 100 000 to 10 000 years ago** | **Approx. 10 000 years ago to the present** |
| **Basic Description:*** “Sapiens”- means thinking.
* Neanderthals were smarter than earlier humans.
 | **Basic Description:*** Another group of Homo sapiens.
* Had even bigger brains and real capacity for complex thinking.
 | **Basic Description:*** “Homo sapiens sapiens” is the species to which modern-day people belong.
* Evidence of these humans first appeared in Africa.
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| **Tools:*** They made stone knives, a process that takes 9 steps and 250 blows.
* Built shelters and other structures to protect themselves.
* Also made throwing weapons such as harpoons and spears.
* “Blades”
 | **Tools:*** Invented a variety of tools to hunt and fish, paint, draw, sew, make music and fight with others.
* Made fish hooks and needles from antlers.
* “Specialized tools” – bow and arrow
* Painted wall drawings in caves.
 | **Tools:*** Superior tool-making skills.
* Besides precisely made tools modern humans developed their tool-making skills in other areas- such as weaving baskets from reeds.
* “Harpoons”
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| **Additional Facts:** * First people to bury their dead.
* Used caves as homes.
 | **Additional Facts:** * Named after a place they were first found in France.
* Burial sites contained objects such as beads, fur garments, and ivory jewelry. This suggests that Cro-Magnon lived at least part of the year in a community.
 | **Additional Facts:** * Survived the last Ice Age and went on top populate the earth.
* Only with Homo sapiens sapiens did human civilization finally become possible.
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