

# How to Survive the Earth

Early Humans were hunters and gatherers, whose survival depended on the availability of wild plants and animals. They followed the herds as they moved and kept looking for fresh water and wild plants.

Prehistory, the time before man began to write stuff down is divided into two different eras.

- Paleolithic Era or Old Stone Age (2 million B.C. to 10,000 B.C.)
- Neolithic Era or New Stone Age (10,000 B.C. to 3,000 B.C.)

## Paleolithic Era / Old Stone Age

- Began to travel around the world.
- 100,000 years ago began to bury their dead - sign of religion or a belief in the afterlife.
- Many may have practiced animism - belief that spirits inhabit animals and objects.
- Cave paintings

## Neolithic Era / New Stone Age

- The Neolithic Era begins once man begins to farm
- No longer a nomad, man can stay in one place and build permanent villages.
- Domesticate plants and animals
- Used advanced tools
- Made pottery
- Developed weaving skills

## Domestication

- During the Neolithic revolution man begins to domesticate plants and animals.
- Domesticate = raise something (plant or animal) in a controlled way to suit human uses.

## Specialization of Labor

- As societies became larger and more complex, individuals began to specialize in different types of jobs.
- It was no longer necessary for one individual to learn how to do every kind of job.
- Instead, one person could specialize in making pottery, while another could specialize in weaving cloth.
- As a result of this specialization, men and women were able to hone their skills.
- The quality of their pottery, cloth, or other products became increasingly better.
- As a result the quality of life for everyone increased dramatically.

## Vocabulary - We're Nomadic

1. What invention allowed people to start cooking?  
Fire
2. What is easier? Picking fruit or hunting?  
Picking fruit
3. What invention allowed people to hunt?  
stone knife
4. What do you call someone who roams?  
Nomad
5. Where did cavemen paint?  
Cave wall
6. Who threw spears?  
Cro-Magnon
7. What is the word for controlling water flow?  
Irrigation
8. What did irrigation allow people to do more easily?  
Farm

9. As a result of the division of labor, what does that rapper say his aunt gets to do?  
Frozen yogurt stand

10. When did people make arms and swords?  
Bronze age

	<u>Paleolithic</u>	<u>Neolithic</u>
Also Known As:	<u>Old Stone Age</u>	<u>New Stone Age</u>
Time Period:	<u>2 million B.C. 10,000 B.C.</u>	<u>10,000 B.C. 3,000 B.C.</u>
Characteristics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Nomadic</u> (wander and roam for food, clothing and shelter)</li> <li>• Lived in <u>clans</u></li> <li>• Invented first <u>basic</u> tools and simple <u>weapons</u></li> <li>• <u>Hunted</u> and <u>gathered</u> food (wild animals and plants)</li> <li>• Learned how to make/use <u>fire</u></li> <li>• Developed <u>oral</u> language</li> <li>• Create "<u>cave art</u>"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Permanent</u> settlements (home, farm)</li> <li>• More <u>advanced</u> tools created</li> <li>• Grew crops on farm (<u>agriculture</u>)</li> <li>• Raised <u>animals</u> (domestication)</li> <li>• Developed <u>pottery</u> and weaving</li> </ul>