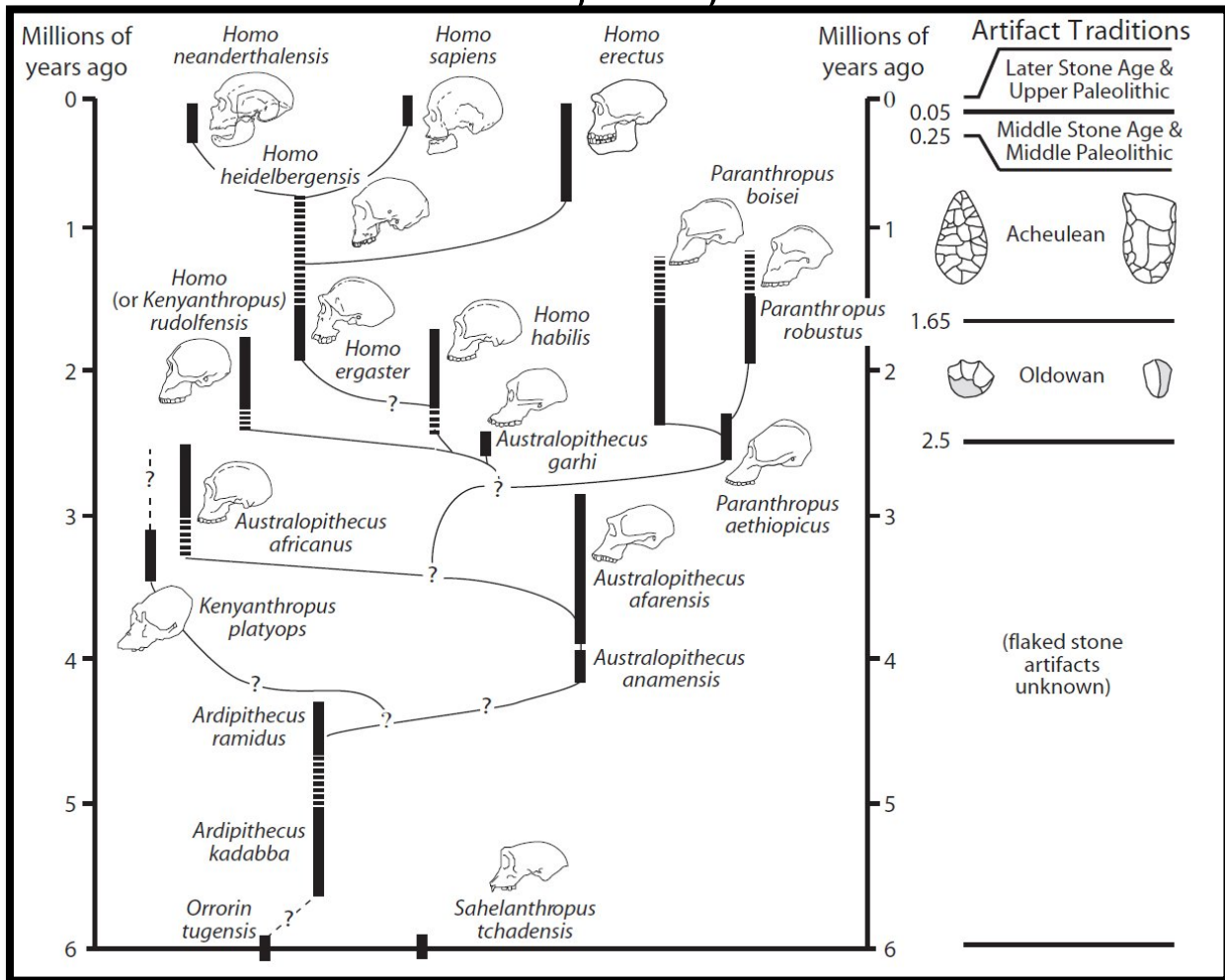Name_____   Section_____   Date_____

LT: I can use evidence to claim when human history began.
Do Now: Questions below (the whole front page)

The Evolution of Early Humans

1. Find our species. Circle it on the graph above.
2. How many years ago is our earliest ancestor?

3. Which species do you think is most related to us? Why?

4. Of the species on this graph, which has adapted to become best fit for its environment? What happened to the rest of the species on the graph?

Ancestor #1: Australopithecus Afarensis

Time Frame When were they around?	
Physical Characteristics: What did they look/act like?	
Behavior: Could they critically think? Use language?	
Diet: What did they eat?	
Technology What tools did they have?	

Do you think Australopithecus Afararensis should be considered more human or more ape? Explain why.

Ancestor #2: Homo Habils

Time Frame When were they around?	
Physical Characteristics: What did they look/act like?	
Behavior: Could they critically think? Use language?	
Diet: What did they eat?	
Technology What tools did they have?	

Do you think Homo Habilis should be considered more human or more ape? Explain why.

Ancestor #3: Homo Erectus

Time Frame When were they around?	
Physical Characteristics: What did they look/act like?	
Behavior: Could they critically think? Use language?	
Diet: What did they eat?	
Technology What tools did they have?	

Do you think Homo Erectus should be considered more human or more ape? Explain why.

Thinking Bigger

1. Which adaptation did you think was the most important in making us "human"? Explain (1-2 sentences)

2. Answer the learning target. When should human history begin? Why? (2-3 sent.)

3. It's likely that we'll continue to adapt and change. How do you think we will evolve in the future? In other words, what characteristics (physical or personality) will make us best fit for our current/future society? (3-4 sentences)

4. What is one question you have after today's lesson? (Note: "I have no question" is not a good response)