

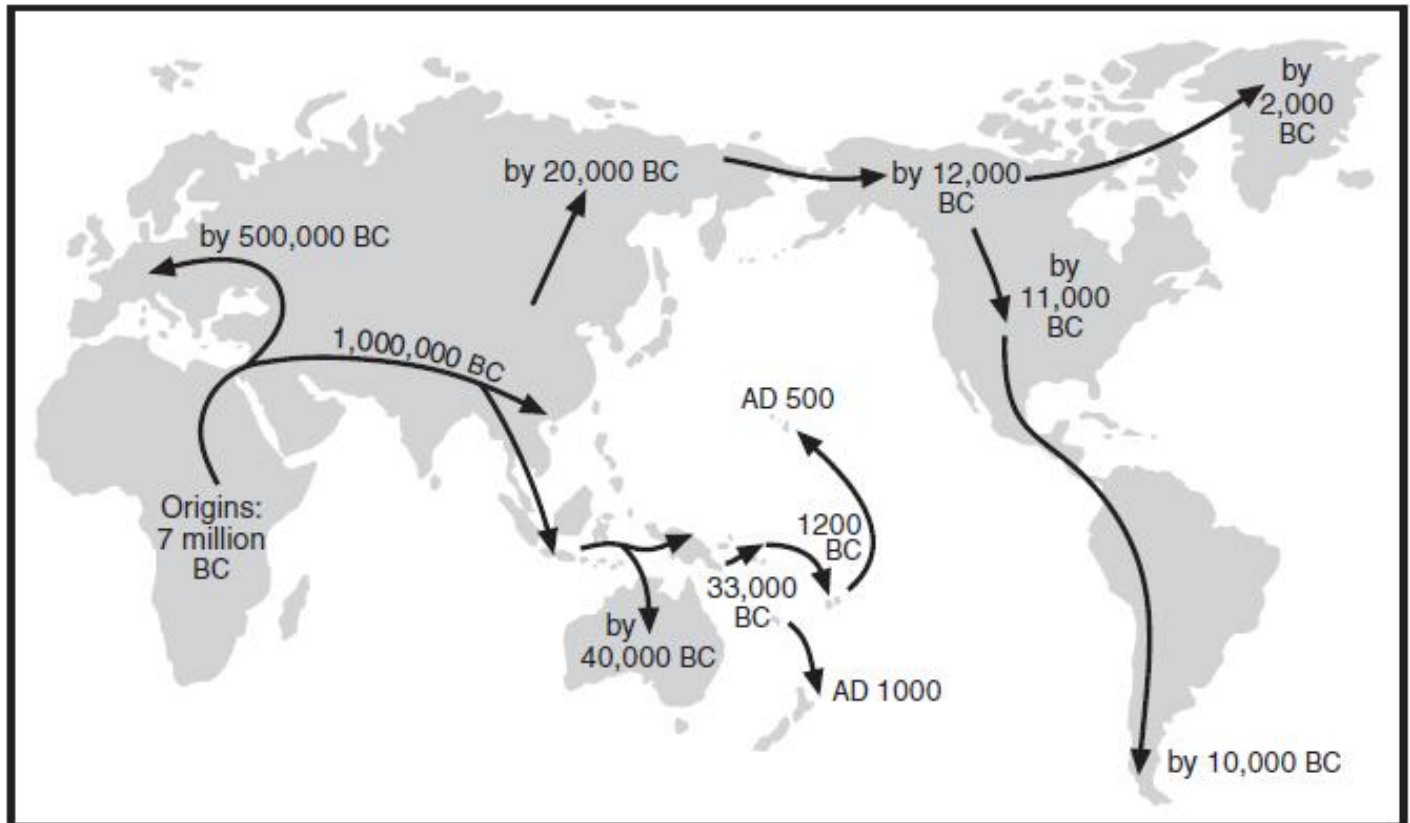
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LT: I can describe the lifestyles of Paleolithic Era humans

Do Now: Part 1 (whole front of page)

Lifestyle of Paleolithic Era Humans

The Spread of Humans Around the World



Source: Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, W. W. Norton & Company, 1999 (adapted)

Part 1: Map Questions

1. What does this map show?
2. Where did humans originate?
3. When did humans reach South America?
4. How long did it take humans to spread across the world? (Estimate)
5. Why do you think early humans kept moving around?

Part 2: Notes

Scientists believe that homo sapiens (our species) appeared about 200,000 years ago. We call this period of time the Paleolithic Era. We call the humans that lived during this time hunter-gatherers.

1. Where did they live?

2. Where did they get their food?

3. Why didn't they just farm?

Definition

Nomadic:

Part 3: Hunter Gatherer Menu

Pretend you are group of hunter gatherers living in eastern New York. You are going to create a Paleolithic Era restaurant, made only of things you hunted or gathered.

You will complete this activity on a separate sheet (1 sheet per group)

Then you will individually answer the following questions

1. Which type of food was the most work to get? Why? (1-2 sentences)
2. How would collective learning have helped hunter-gatherers? List 2 examples (bullet points okay)
3. If you were a nomadic hunter-gatherer, what would make you stay in one place for awhile? When would you decide to move on?
4. If you were a nomadic hunter gatherer, would it be in your best interest to be in a small group (like 15-20 people) or a larger group (50-100 people)? Explain (2-3 sentences)
5. If you were a nomadic hunter gatherer, you moved around frequently. List 3 things would you bring around with you. Explain your reasoning (1-2 sentences)

Eastern North America Native Plants & Animals Cheat Sheet

Nuts, Herbs, & Syrups

Acorns
Pecans
Walnuts
Maple
Sunflower
Honey
Wintergreen (kind of minty)
Allspice (the spice in pumpkin pie)
Bergamot (tastes kind of lemony)

Vegetables

Chives
Pumpkin
Beans
Squash
Mushrooms
Seaweed

Fruits

Blueberry
Plum
Cherry
Raspberry
Grape
Cranberry
Strawberry
Figs
Tomatoes
Apples

Land Animals

Deer
Squirrel
Rabbit
Black bear
Fox
Coyote
Owl
Raccoon
Otter
Snake

Water Animals

Lobster
Crab
Seal
Oyster
Whale
Turtle
Trout
Flounder
Sturgeon
Dolphin