

## Prehistory / Earliest Origins

### • Early humanoids:

Homo habilis: c. 2 million

Homo erectus: c. 1.8 million

## Paleolithic Era: 1,500,000 to 8,000 BCE Ice Age

Archaic Homo sapiens: c. 500,000

Homo neanderthalensis c. 100,000 : may be a subspecies which died out, or merged with Cro Magnons (see page 6-7 in text)

Cro-Magnons c. 100,000

Homo sapiens sapiens c. 130,000 : developed language, possible rituals, possible “advanced” stone tools

c. 40,000 : “modern” humans akin to contemporary brain size, speech patterns, advanced stone tools

## Mesolithic Era 8,000 BCE to 6,000 / 4,000 BCE Diminishing Ice Age

Transition period for early humans

Beginning of settled communities

## Neolithic Era 6,000 / 4,000 BCE to 1,500 BCE No Ice Age

Class systems developed

Agricultural settlements, domestication of animals, horse/ox drawn plows / trade

First cities

Cooper, Bronze, and Iron Ages follow— each step determined by *regional* development.