

Video: "Before We Ruled the Earth- Hunt or Be Hunted"

Name: _____

While viewing the video, answer the following questions. You needn't write in complete sentences.

Part 1:

1. Homo ergaster was considered one of the earlier hominids that had two physical characteristics that set it apart from others. What are those two characteristics?
2. Why did early man need a cutting tool?
3. What does meat contain which helps the brain grow and develop? What else is found in meat that gives consumers a lot of energy?
4. What was the purpose of the hand ax?
5. What was the purpose of the most powerful tool, fire?
6. What skills or tactics did early man use to hunt animals?
7. What physical evidence is there in human beings for historians and anthropologists to determine evolution?

Part 2:

8. In Spain they found that many early humans didn't live beyond their _____ years.
9. What did early man discover in order to help him master fire and keep torches lit?
10. What three things concerning communication are essential to early man's survival?
11. During the _____ homo erectus became "extinct."

12. Which group came into existence after homo erectus and proved to be more evolved?

13. What type of weapon did the above group use to hunt?

14. What made up 85% of their diet, which proved they were largely meat eaters?

Part 3:

14. Concerning the brain size, how did they compare to modern humans?

15. Why did the weather play a factor in survival?

16. In which modern day country was there evidence found that supported the idea of early speech?

17. What was not yet invented in order to assure waterproof clothing made of skins and furs?

18. What two physical characteristics did Neanderthals have to help them adapt to cold and what was the purpose of those characteristics?

19. What evidence is there that these people used fire?

20. What was one of the first foods preserved and why was it useful?

21. What did this group of early humans do, which set them apart from previous groups concerning the deceased?

Part 4:

22. Is there proof that these early people believed in an afterlife?

23. Why do you think their senses were fine-tuned to the presence of animals?

24. What skill(s) does it take to hunt bison?

25. What was first necessary in order to successfully hunt a bison (concerning the herd)?

26. What were two characteristics given which distinguished between Neanderthals and homo sapiens?

28. What was the advancement to their more "modern" weapons?