

Landmarks in Anthropology

Anthropology · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which hominid fossil, discovered in 1974, is famously known as 'Lucy'?

- A) Australopithecus afarensis**
- B) Homo habilis
- C) Homo neanderthalensis
- D) Ardipithecus ramidus

2. What is considered the oldest known type of stone tool technology, dating back about 2.6 million years?

- A) Mousterian
- B) Oldowan**
- C) Acheulean
- D) Clovis

3. Which 19th-century English naturalist is credited with the theory of evolution by natural selection?

- A) Louis Leakey
- B) Franz Boas
- C) Charles Darwin**
- D) Bronislaw Malinowski

4. The discovery of the 'Rosetta Stone' allowed scholars to decipher which ancient writing system?

- A) Cuneiform
- B) Sanskrit
- C) Maya hieroglyphs
- D) Egyptian hieroglyphs**

5. Where were the famous Lascaux cave paintings, known for their depictions of large animals, discovered?

- A) France**
- B) Egypt
- C) China
- D) Brazil

6. Which invention is credited to the Upper Paleolithic period and significantly improved hunting efficiency?

A) The wheel

B) The atlatl (spear-thrower)

C) The steam engine

D) The printing press

7. Who is often referred to as the 'Father of Modern Anthropology' for his work in the United States?

A) Margaret Mead

B) Ruth Benedict

C) Franz Boas

D) Claude Lévi-Strauss

8. What was the first metal to be extensively used by humans for tool making during the Copper Age?

A) Iron

B) Gold

C) Copper

D) Aluminum

9. The 'Peopling of the Americas' is most commonly associated with the crossing of which ancient land bridge?

A) Beringia

B) The Isthmus of Panama

C) The Sinai Peninsula

D) The Korean Peninsula

10. Which site in modern-day Turkey is considered one of the world's oldest known temple complexes, dating to the Neolithic?

A) Giza

B) Göbekli Tepe

C) Stonehenge

D) Angkor Wat

11. Which field of anthropology focuses specifically on the study of human remains to understand past populations?

A) Linguistic anthropology

B) Cultural anthropology

C) Biological (physical) anthropology

D) Economic anthropology

12. What Neolithic revolution milestone allowed humans to settle in permanent villages?

A) The invention of writing

B) The domestication of plants and animals

C) The invention of the compass

D) The discovery of fire

13. The 'Laetoli footprints' provide evidence for which major human evolutionary trait?

A) Bipedalism

B) Fire usage

C) Tool manufacture

D) Language capacity

14. Which ancient civilization is credited with the first known system of writing called cuneiform?

A) Ancient Egyptians

B) Ancient Greeks

C) Sumerians

D) Romans

15. What was the primary material used for crafting tools during the Paleolithic era?

A) Steel

B) Bronze

C) Stone

D) Plastic