

Landmarks in Anthropology

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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