

Foundations of Anthropological History

Anthropology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In what year did Louis and Mary Leakey discover the skull of *Zinjanthropus boisei* (now *Paranthropus boisei*) at Olduvai Gorge?

- A) 1952
- B) 1959**
- C) 1964
- D) 1970

2. The fossil specimen famously known as 'Lucy', classified as *Australopithecus afarensis*, was discovered in Ethiopia in which year?

- A) 1974**
- B) 1978
- C) 1981
- D) 1969

3. Franz Boas, often cited as the father of American anthropology, published his influential work 'The Mind of Primitive Man' in what year?

- A) 1898
- B) 1905
- C) 1911**
- D) 1922

4. How many primary subfields of anthropology are traditionally recognized in the North American academic model?

- A) Two
- B) Four**
- C) Six
- D) Eight

5. Raymond Dart discovered the first *Australopithecus africanus* specimen, known as the Taung Child, in which year?

- A) 1912
- B) 1920
- C) 1924**
- D) 1930

6. The 'Piltdown Man' hoax, which misled the scientific community for decades, was officially exposed as a fraud in what year?

A) 1948

B) 1953

C) 1958

D) 1961

7. Approximately how many years ago is the Upper Paleolithic Revolution, characterized by a significant increase in symbolic behavior and tool complexity, generally thought to have begun?

A) 10,000

B) 50,000

C) 100,000

D) 250,000

8. Bronislaw Malinowski conducted his seminal fieldwork in the Trobriand Islands during which period?

A) 1914-1918

B) 1920-1924

C) 1930-1934

D) 1905-1909

9. The 'Great Chain of Being' concept, which influenced early anthropological thought regarding human hierarchy, dates back to the philosophy of which ancient thinker?

A) Plato

B) Socrates

C) Aristotle

D) Epicurus

10. Homo habilis was first described and named as a new species by Louis Leakey, Phillip Tobias, and John Napier in what year?

A) 1955

B) 1960

C) 1964

D) 1968