

Becoming Human- Anthropology

Here is the web site: <http://www.becominghuman.org/node/interactive-documentary>

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU REMEMBER THE DOCUMENTARY.

1. What was Donald Johanson's first discovery?
2. Why is the discovery of Lucy so important in anthropology?
3. What does "Australopithecus afarensis" mean? (Three parts.)
4. Where was Lucy discovered?
5. Kay Reed is a 'paleoecologist'. How does her work and understanding help anthropologists?
6. What is a fossil? How does a living being end up as a fossil? (click on 'finding fossils' in related exhibits. Also click on 'learn more'.)

At the end of this first part, "Evidence" pause the documentary and take some time to explore the red tag 'related exhibits'. The first one (click "#1: How are we like other primates?") is where you'll find the answers to the next questions.

Anatomy

7. What are the distinguishable (visual) differences you see between the chimp and the human?
8. What are the other two important differences (click on 'learn more')?
9. Why was Darwin's proposed common ancestry theory so stunning in 1871?
10. Who is our 'closest living relative'?
11. What is preserved in the Latoli footprint?
12. What are the distinguishing characteristics of Homo Erectus?
13. Why role does his meat eating behaviour play in understanding his (and our) evolution?

Lineages

14. Why is it incorrect to think of Neanderthals as 'stupid'?
15. How are Neanderthals different (physical) from homo sapiens?
16. What are the two different theories about Neanderthals and Humans?
17. Why are the finger traces on the walls of Koonalda in Southern Australia so important?
18. How is the rock art in Arnham land in Australia different from the cave art in Europe?

Your homework is to read the handouts from last class. (RE: history of anthropology). Make sure to highlight significant key words and 'box' ideas from the margin. Next class, we'll try our hand at note taking on Google docs.