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| **Australopithecus**  **(Southern ape)** | **Homo Habilis**  **(Handyman)** | **Homo Erectus**  **(Upright man)** |
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| **Approx. 1.2-4 million years ago** | **Approx. 2-1.5 million years ago** | **Approx. 1.6 million to 80 000 years ago** |
| **Basic Description:**   * “Prehuman Huminoid”- not fully like human. * Apelike- walked on 2 legs, not 4. * Small brains and teeth similar to humans today. | **Basic Description:**   * Considered the first real human. * Walked upright with long dangling arms. * Not skillful hunters but ate meat if they found discarded carcasses. | **Basic Description:**   * Looked more like us than earlier humans did. * They were as tall as we are, but stronger. * Bigger brains than Homo Habilis, but couldn’t talk. |
| **Tools:**   * Used simple tools only. * “Twigs” | **Tools:**   * Built shelters from branches and used stones as tools. * Produced tools for chopping, scraping, and cutting by knocking stone flakes off hard stones. * “Choppers” | **Tools:**   * Made complex tools, including hand axe and tools for butchering. * These tools allowed them to hunt game from Africa to Asia. * “Hand axes” |
| **Additional Facts:** | **Additional Facts:**   * “Handyman” was one of first humanoids to use tools. * The Stone Age refers to the materials used to make man-made tools. * Hunters and Gatherers (didn’t plant crops) | **Additional Facts:**   * Evidence shows that “Upright Man” learned how to make fire. * Able to cook food- helped reduce disease. * Fire helped build sense of community. |

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| **Homo Sapiens**  **(Neanderthal)** | **Homo Sapiens**  **(Cro-Magnon)** | **Homo Sapiens Sapiens**  **(Modern humans)** |
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| **Approx. 133 000 to 32 000 years ago** | **Approx. 100 000 to 10 000 years ago** | **Approx. 10 000 years ago to the present** |
| **Basic Description:**   * “Sapiens”- means thinking. * Neanderthals were smarter than earlier humans. | **Basic Description:**   * Another group of Homo sapiens. * Had even bigger brains and real capacity for complex thinking. | **Basic Description:**   * “Homo sapiens sapiens” is the species to which modern-day people belong. * Evidence of these humans first appeared in Africa. |
| **Tools:**   * They made stone knives, a process that takes 9 steps and 250 blows. * Built shelters and other structures to protect themselves. * Also made throwing weapons such as harpoons and spears. * “Blades” | **Tools:**   * Invented a variety of tools to hunt and fish, paint, draw, sew, make music and fight with others. * Made fish hooks and needles from antlers. * “Specialized tools” – bow and arrow * Painted wall drawings in caves. | **Tools:**   * Superior tool-making skills. * Besides precisely made tools modern humans developed their tool-making skills in other areas- such as weaving baskets from reeds. * “Harpoons” |
| **Additional Facts:**   * First people to bury their dead. * Used caves as homes. | **Additional Facts:**   * Named after a place they were first found in France. * Burial sites contained objects such as beads, fur garments, and ivory jewelry. This suggests that Cro-Magnon lived at least part of the year in a community. | **Additional Facts:**   * Survived the last Ice Age and went on top populate the earth. * Only with Homo sapiens sapiens did human civilization finally become possible. |