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91606 Demonstrate understanding of trends in human evolution

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Demonstrate understanding of trends in human evolution.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of trends in human evolution.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of trends in human evolution.

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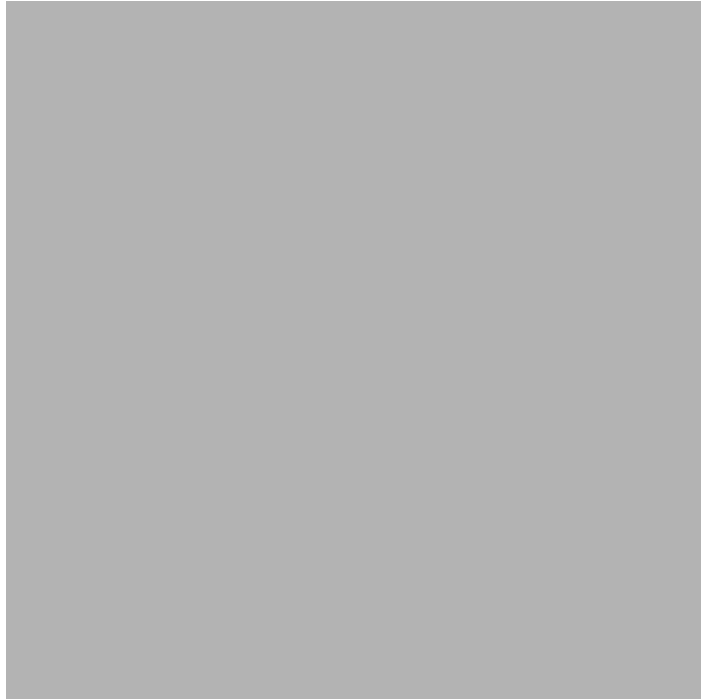
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The above diagram shows a chimpanzee on the left and an australopithecine on the right.

Discuss trends seen in the evolution of early hominins.

Include in your answer:

- a description of THREE of the following skeletal changes in the: foot, arm/leg ratio, spine, femur, pelvis shape, foramen magnum
- an explanation for TWO features of the advantage this change would provide the australopithecine when walking bipedally in Africa
- a discussion of possible selection factors that could have led to the changes seen.

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The Paleolithic period (the Old Stone Age) began approximately 2.6 million years ago. This was when we saw the first material evidence of early human technology.

Discuss changes to tool culture that came about in the Paleolithic period, and the advantages these changes could have brought to populations/species living at the time.

- describe the difference between cultural evolution and biological evolution
- explain how TWO named tools/tool cultures could lead to a change in the lifespan in the population/species
- discuss how the changes to the tool culture could bring about change in clothing worn and success in hunting/ gathering food.

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QUESTION THREE

A new extinct species of human has been found in the Philippines. Fossils dated at 67 000 years ago are now attributed to belonging to *Homo luzonensis*, after the site of its discovery on the Philippines' largest island, Luzon. *Homo luzonensis* has some physical similarities to recent humans, but other features are closer to the australopithecines who lived in Africa between two and four million years ago, as well as very early members of the genus *Homo*.

That could mean primitive human relatives left Africa and made it all the way to South-East Asia, something not previously thought possible.

The find also shows that human evolution in the region may have involved three or more human species in the region at around the time our ancestors arrived.

One of these species was the diminutive (small) "Hobbit", *Homo floresiensis*, which survived on the Indonesian island of Flores until 50 000 years ago.

Fossils found include very small molars, and finger and toe bones. No DNA has been extracted due to the warm conditions in the area.

Discuss how the discovery of new species such as *Homo luzonensis* enables science to adjust the common understanding of the Out of Africa theory.

Include in your discussion:

- a description of the Out of Africa theory/ replacement model
- an explanation of what knowledge mitochondrial DNA and nuclear DNA would provide scientists
- an explanation of named endocranial features, and how these features may have aided migration out of Africa.



Geographx



Curved finger or toe bone of *H. luzonensis*.

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