



Discovery Worksheets

The first humans

Using information from the map and key on pages 18–19 of the *Atlas of Discovery*, and the sketches of early humans in the table below, fill in the blank spaces in the table.

Skull appearance					
Name	<i>Australopithecus africanus</i>		<i>Homo erectus</i>	<i>Homo sapiens neanderthalensis</i>	
Height (m)			1.5		
Physique	Long arms, ape-like face, upright				
Brain size (mL)	500–650	600–800	750–1250	1200–1750	1200–1700
Skull form			Flat, thick skull with large brow ridge		Small or no brow ridge; shorter, high skull
Tools	Roughly chipped pebbles	Simple pebble tools, flakes for cutting and scraping	'Tear-drop' hand axes, sharp flake tools	Knives, borers, spear sharpeners (made from chipped stones)	Bone needles; harpoons; long, sharp blades of stone
Distribution	Africa				
Date BP					35 000–present
Site example		Olduvai Gorge	Lantian		
Appearance					

