**Paleolithic Era**

| Dates and Descriptions | • “Old Stone Age”
|                        | • 2.5 million – 8000 B.C.E (Before Common Era)
|                        | • Early humans adapted to their environment
|                        |   – Flint Knapping to make stone tools and weapons
|                        |   – Clothing from animal skins
|                        |   – Developed **fire** for survival
|                        |   – Basic verbal **communication**
|                        |     • No formal language |

| Food and Shelter | • **Nomadic lifestyle**
|                 |   – No permanent home
|                 |   – **Temporary** shelter
|                 |     • Caves
|                 |     • Makeshift tents out of sticks and animal hides
|                 | • Constant search for **food**
|                 |   – Follow the herds to **hunt**
|                 |   – **Gather** edible plants, fruits, berries, etc.
|                 | • Live in **small groups** of 50 – 100 people
|                 |   – Quickly pack up and move |

| Specialized Jobs | • Hunters and **Gatherers**
|                 | • All jobs dealt with **finding food**
|                 |   – Men primarily hunted
|                 |   – Women gathered fruits, berries, etc. |

| Art and Religion | • **Cave paintings**
|                 | • Belief in **afterlife**
|                 |   – Prepared bodies at **funerals**
|                 |   – **Buried** with possessions
|                 |     • Tools and weapons
|                 |     • Jewelry and musical instruments made from animal bones and antlers |

| Government and Organization | • Life and survival organized around **competition**
|                            |   – “**Survival of the fittest**”
|                            | • Elderly and sick left behind so they would not slow down group
|                            |   – Lost contact with the food source/herd can lead to death of everyone |