

Time Frame: 4 weeks	Unit Title: Early Humans	Course Name: 6th Grade Social Studies
Stage 1: Desired Results		
Established Goal(s)	Transfer	
<p>NH SS Standards</p> <p>SS:GE:6:5 Environment & Society - Students will demonstrate an understanding of the connections and consequences of the interactions between Earth's physical and human systems</p> <p>SS:WH:6:2.3: Describe major migrations, e.g., the first humans from Africa to the rest of the world, the Huns into China and Europe, or the Bantu across Africa. (Themes: C: People, Places and Environment, I: Patterns of Social and Political Interaction)</p> <p>SS:WH:6:4.1: Analyze the impact of the agricultural revolution on humans using examples, e.g., the role of women, specialization of labor, or population density. (Themes: C: People, Places and Environment, G: Science, Technology, and Society, I: Patterns of Social and Political Interaction)</p>	<p><i>Students will be able to independently use their learning to...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will use their learning to identify key events in the development of cultures. ● Students will use their learning to explain the impact of new technology on cultures. ● Students will use their learning to identify and describe different bases of society (i.e agricultural, nomadic, hunter-gatherer) 	
	Meaning	
	<p><u>Understandings</u></p> <p><i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <p>Homo Sapiens (us) were not the only human species to live on earth.</p> <p>Homo Sapiens is the only surviving human species</p> <p>Early humans were nomadic hunter gatherers.</p> <p>Spoken language and the invention of agriculture are two of the most significant developments in human history.</p>	<p><u>Essential Questions</u></p> <p>What sets Homo Sapiens apart from other early humans?</p> <p>How did we live before farming? Why did we start to farm?</p>
	Acquisition	
<p><i>Students will know...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The names and characteristics of different early humans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Australopithecus ○ Homo Habilis ○ Homo Erectus ○ Homo Neanderthalensis ○ Homo Sapiens ● Agriculture ● Neolithic Age ● Paleolithic Age ● Hunter Gatherer ● Cave Painting ● Nomadic ● Domestication 	<p><i>Students will be able to...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describe the different unique characteristics/skills of early humans ● Explain how spoken language impacted Homo Sapiens ● Explain how tools helped early humans ● Identify the pros/cons/effects of the start of agriculture 	