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History-Social Science Standard 6.1.2.

Dictionary

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Paleolithic People: Adapting to Change

Dictionary

A

archaeologist

A scientist who studies the life and culture of ancient people.

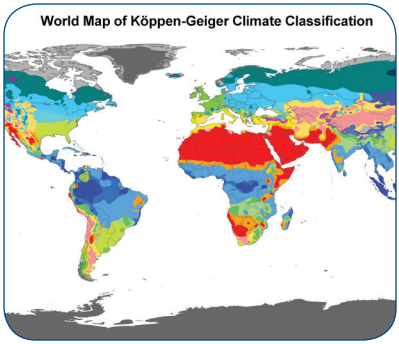
artifact

An object, such as a tool, made by humans.

C

climate

The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.



climate zone

Regions on Earth that share a common climate.

fossil

The remains of a plant or animal preserved in rock, another geological deposit, or petrified.

F

glacial period

A geologic period during which large areas of Earth were covered by glaciers.

G

I

interglacial period

A geologic period between two glacial periods during which Earth's climate warmed and glaciers receded.

M

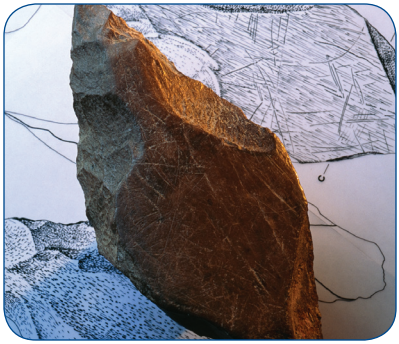
migration

The movement of animals, including humans, from one location to another.

N

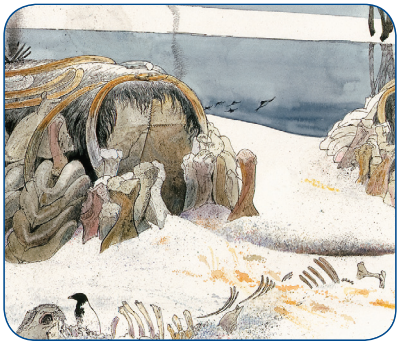
natural resourses

Materials, such as soil, water, minerals, and energy, that people use from nature and natural systems.



Paleolithic period

The period between 2.5 million years ago and 12,000 years ago, during which early “Stone Age” human culture was marked by the steady development of tools, first made of stone and then of more sophisticated materials.



Pleistocene epoch

The geologic era that began 1.8 million years ago and ended about 12,000 BCE, often called the “Ice Age” because it was characterized by cold periods accompanied by widespread glaciers.

population

The number of individuals of a species living in a place at a given time.

S

settlement

The process of populating a community or area.

T

technique

A way of accomplishing a task.

tool

A device used to help accomplish a task such as an ax or hammer.

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