c. 7 million years ago – 10,000 BC

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Human Evolution timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **One of the First Upright Walkers**

Sahelanthropus tchadensis lives in what is now Chad, in central Africa; the position of the hole at the base of its skull suggests it may have walked on two legs.

☐ **Controlling Fire**

Burned bones and plant ash in Wonderwerk Cave, South Africa, show human ancestors using fire about a million years ago; by about 400,000 years ago people used fire regularly.

☐ **Lucy Walks Upright**

A small Australopithecus afarensis later nicknamed Lucy lives in Ethiopia; scientists found 40 percent of her skeleton in 1974, and footprints of her species pressed into ash at Laetoli, Tanzania, are about 3.66 million years old.

☐ **Neanderthals in Europe**

Neanderthals, a stocky, big-brained kind of human suited to cold climates, live in Europe and western Asia; they make fine stone tools, hunt large animals and bury some of their dead.

Homo habilis, the "Handy Man"

Homo habilis appears in East Africa; it has a larger brain than Lucy's species and is found alongside many stone tools.

Homo erectus Leaves Africa

Homo erectus, tall with long legs built for walking and running, appears in Africa; by about 1.8 million years ago its kind had reached Georgia in western Asia, and later China and Java.

Out of Africa

Starting between about 70,000 and 50,000 years ago, groups of modern humans move out of Africa into Asia, reaching Australia by about 50,000 years ago and Europe by about 45,000 years ago; Neanderthals die out about 40,000 years ago.

The First Farmers

About 12,000 years ago, at the end of the last Ice Age, people in the Fertile Crescent of the Middle East begin to plant wheat and barley and herd sheep and goats.

Stone Tools Spread

Human ancestors in East Africa make simple Oldowan tools by striking flakes off stones to cut meat and crack bones; even older tools, about 3.3 million years old, have been found in Kenya.

Homo sapiens Appears

The oldest known fossils of our species, Homo sapiens, are found at Jebel Irhoud in Morocco and date to about 300,000 years ago.

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Put the Events in Order: Answer Key

c. 7 million years ago	1.	One of the First Upright Walkers
c. 3.2 million years ago	2.	Lucy Walks Upright
c. 2.6 million years ago	3.	Stone Tools Spread
c. 2.4 million years ago	4.	Homo habilis, the "Handy Man"
c. 1.9 million years ago	5.	Homo erectus Leaves Africa
c. 1 million years ago	6.	Controlling Fire
c. 400,000 years ago	7.	Neanderthals in Europe
c. 300,000 years ago	8.	Homo sapiens Appears
c. 60,000 years ago	9.	Out of Africa
c. 10,000 BC	10.	The First Farmers



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