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To Be Human: Genetics, Origins, and Identity

Student Questions

Essential Question: How are we like our evolutionary ancestors? How are we different?

1. What is an ability that was previously thought to be uniquely human but is in fact shared by other non-human species?

2. What is another name for a “symbolic universe”?

3. How many different hominin species belong to the “evolutionary tree” of the human species?

**When Did Humans Become Human? / How did Humans Survive Evolution?
Student Questions**

1. When did human beings become human?

2. How did humans survive evolution?

3. How long ago were various hominin species roaming about central and south Africa?

4. What commonalities do various human species share with one another?

5. Why have human beings survived when no other hominin species have?

6. Besides changing rocks into tools, what else were human beings able to do?
