

HUMAN EVOLUTION TIMELINE

From Early Hominids to Modern Homo Sapiens

7-6M

Sahelanthropus tchadensis

One of the oldest known species in the human family tree. Found in West-Central Africa.

EARLY BIPEDALISM SMALL CRANIUM

4.4M

Ardipithecus ramidus

Evidence of both tree-climbing and bipedal walking capabilities.

FOREST DWELLER GRASPING BIG TOE

3.2M

Australopithecus afarensis ("Lucy")

Strong evidence of regular bipedalism; survived for more than 900,000 years.

BIPEDAL HUMAN-LIKE TEETH

2.4M

Homo habilis

"Handy Man" - the first species associated with the widespread use of stone tools.

TOOL MAKER LARGER BRAIN

1.8M

Homo erectus

The first to migrate out of Africa. Discovered fire and lived on the ground.

LONGER LEGS FIRE CONTROL

400K

Homo neanderthalensis

Our closest extinct human relative. Adapted to cold climates in Europe and Asia.

SYMBOLIC BEHAVIOR ROBUST BUILD

300K

Homo sapiens

Modern humans. Evolution of complex language, culture, and high-level abstract thought.

GLOBAL EXPANSION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY