

UNIT 1: THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

1.1 THE EARLY HUMAN HISTORY

The history of the world begins with the emergence of early hominids. The earliest hominid fossils, such as *Australopithecus*, date back to approximately 4 million years ago. These early hominids were bipedal and had larger brains than modern apes. The evolution of the human species is a complex process that has been shaped by various factors, including environmental changes and social interactions. The discovery of the first hominid fossils in Africa in the 1920s and 1930s revolutionized our understanding of human origins. The fossil record shows a clear progression from early hominids to modern humans, with key milestones such as the development of bipedalism and the expansion of the brain.

The early human history is characterized by a period of relative stability and gradual evolution. The early hominids lived in small, nomadic groups and relied on hunting and gathering for their survival. The development of bipedalism allowed hominids to travel longer distances and access new food sources. The expansion of the brain led to the development of more complex social structures and the ability to create tools. The fossil record provides a clear picture of the evolutionary path of the human species, showing a steady increase in brain size and a decrease in body hair over time. The discovery of the first hominid fossils in Africa in the 1920s and 1930s revolutionized our understanding of human origins.

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