

Human Ancestry and Evolution



First of all, if you are reading this, we'll assume you are "human." However, have you considered this--just what makes a human a human? The answer is a lot more complicated than you might think, especially if you try to separate direct ancestors from related hominins and other animals. And with all this talk about DNA ancestry kits, do you really know where you came from and who your deep-time ancestors were? Just how reliable are these DNA kits? Would you be surprised if you have a little Neanderthal in you?

Other questions: When and where did we humans emerge? How did we get here? Why did we keep moving? What were some of the truly catastrophic events that "pruned" off our would-be ancestors and related hominins. What genes, good and bad, did we inherit? What did the cavemen and cavewomen leave behind for archaeologists to try to understand?

We'll have lots of pictures to show about this exciting and ever-changing story of our ancestors and related hominins so please come to our discussion at **Apple Valley Senior Center on Friday, June 8, at 11:15 a.m.** For more information, contact Gary Gray at gdgray@q.com.

