

2nd Paper Topic: Reconstruction of the prehistory of the Adrar Abu Massif

Reference

Daniels, S., and N. David. "The Adrar Abu: Problem 7." In *The Archaeology Workbook*. Philadelphia PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1982. p. 55-62.

Assignment

Attempt a concise reconstruction of the prehistory of the Adrar Abu massif. Pay special attention to the definition of the environmental sequence and its relationships, if any, to the cultural phases represented. What can be said about the prehistoric economy in this region?

Prepare a coherent, well-organized essay of at least seven (7) typewritten pages (double-spaced with adequate margins) dealing with these issues. The paper is to be accompanied by a culture-stratigraphic table which summarizes the dating, the sites' stratigraphy and contents, and the changes in environments, as well as changes in the regional economy. Make sure you integrate the table into your discussion in the text.

Advice

1. Appropriate length of the text is 7 pages: typed, double-spaced with adequate margins. It may be longer, but do not exceed 9 pages.
2. Include a title page and number your pages.
3. Reference any additional sources you may use.
4. Proofread your paper carefully.
5. Late papers will be penalized, unless prior arrangements for late submission have been made.

Paper Due: Tuesday, November 14.

Optional Supplemental Reading for the 2nd Paper Topic

Excerpts from: Phillipson, D.W. 1985.
African Archaeology.
Cambridge University Press.

In the event you would like some general information about the real Upper Pleistocene/Holocene culture-history of the northern African region, the following readings are provided to give you additional background and perspective on developments in the region. However, do not slavishly follow Phillipson's dating or his culture-historic framework, as you must rely, first and foremost, on the information provided in the problem statement.

The following pages deal with the archaeological sequences in the Sahel, Saharan and northern African regions for the time periods covered by the Adrar Abu problem.

Middle and Upper Palaeolithic	pp. 87 - 94
Epipalaeolithic (Mesolithic and Later Stone Age)	pp. 105 - 109
early farming ("Neolithic" and later)	pp. 130 - 135