

Key Terms, Concepts and Characters

September 7, 2006: Introductory remarks

archaeology

palaeontology

anthropology

palaeoanthropology

New World / Old World (western and eastern hemispheres)

Middle East (Near East)

Mesoamerica

domestication (the process)

food production (agricultural production)

civilization - as used in archaeology/anthropology

September 7, 2006: How's your global chronology?

Pop quiz - good for no points - this time!

1. What is the current best estimate of the age of the earth? _____
2. When did mammals largely replace reptiles and become the dominant terrestrial animals? _____
3. When did the human and the other African ape (chimps) lineages separate? _____
4. When does the first certain evidence of technology (ie. stone artifacts) appear in the archaeological record? _____
5. When do behaviorally modern humans (*Homo sapiens sapiens*) first appear? _____
6. When does agriculture first appear? _____
7. When do writing and recorded history first appear? _____