DATES
12,900-11,600 years ago Younger Dryas (last significant cold period)
10,000 year ago (approximately) beginning of agriculture
400-500 Settlement of Rapa Nui (Easter Island)
800-1300 Medieval warm period
874 First settlement of Iceland
986 First settlement of Greenland
1285 Complaints about air pollution in London
1388 English attempt at antipollution legislation
1400-1850 Little Ice Age
1408 Greenland loses contact with Scandinavia
1492 First voyage of Columbus
1722 First European visit to Rapa Nui
1859 Publication of *On the Origin of Species*

WORDS
circumpolar
flora
fauna
climatic maximum
climatic minimum
Little Ice Age
Neolithic
Greenland
Inuit
Iceland
L’Anse aux Meadows
Rapa Nui/Easter Island
Pleistocene
megafauna
La Brea tar pits
marsupials
Maori
moa
coevolution
Atlantic basin
Homo sapiens
ungulate
synchronic
diachronic