Key Terms, Concepts and Characters

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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?