My World History
Chapter Origins: Early People
Section 1 – Studying the Distant Past pp 58 -63

Terms to understand when reading:

*Anthropology*: the study of how human beings behave, how they act together, where they come from, and what makes each group different from one another

*Archaeologist*: scientist who study human life in the past by studying artifacts

*Prehistory*: the time before written records

*Fossil*: hardened imprints or remains of living things that existed long ago.

*Geologist*: scientist who studies physical matter such as rocks and soil

*Artifact*: an object which was made and used by humans

**Directions**: The following terms and questions need to be answered in neatly written, well-structured sentences on lined paper or they may be typed. All class work and homework must state your name, date, chapter and section.

A. **Combine the following terms from your text into well-developed sentences**:

1. archaeologist and geologist
2. artifact and fossil

B. **Answer the following questions in complete sentences**.

1. What methods do scientists use to date fossils and artifacts?
2. Explain how archaeologists discover and gather evidence about early people?
3. Why are the discoveries made by the Leakeys, Donald Johanson, and Tim White considered important?
4. How does technology impact the study of early humans?

C. **Summarize the main idea of this section (completely in your own words) in either one or two fully developed sentences.**