Homo sapiens

Common Name:

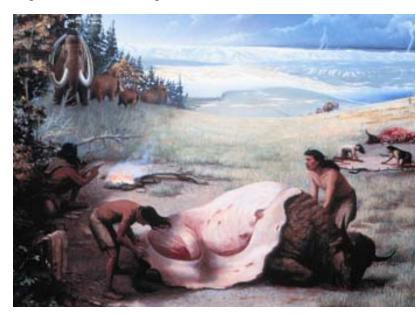
Human beings

Classification:

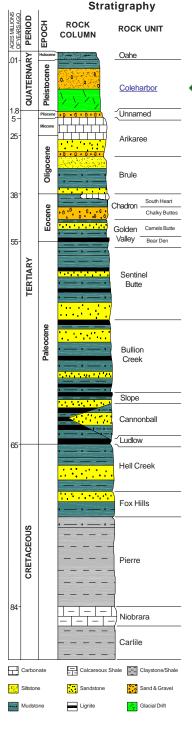
Class: Mammalia
Order: Primate
Family: Hominidae

Description:

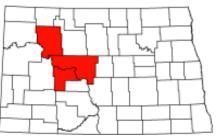
The appearance of humans in North Dakota dates to the end of the Ice Age about 11,000 years ago. Artifacts, finely crafted projectile points called Clovis, indicate that Paleo-Indians lived in North Dakota at that time. These people were hunters and gatherers. They were big game hunters and harvested many of the large mammals including mammoth and bison.



Paleo-Indians butchering a bison at the end of the Ice Age with woolly mammoths looking on. Painting on exhibit at the Pembina State Museum, courtesy of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.



North Dakota



Locations where fossils have been found