

Prehistory

Imagine living in a world without writing. That is prehistory.	10
Prehistory is the time before humans wrote. Until 5,500 years ago,	21
people had no system of writing. Without such a system, keeping	32
records was more difficult. People couldn't write down information	41
to pass on to the next generation. The people who lived during this	54
time are known as prehistoric people.	60
Scientists have been able to learn a lot about prehistoric people.	71
How? They study the clues these people left behind. The clues include	83
fossils and tools buried in the ground for thousands of years.	94
Scientists study bones to figure out what prehistoric people looked	104
like. Bones can also reveal how long these ancient humans lived.	115
Scientists study prehistoric teeth as well. These teeth can tell them	126
what prehistoric people ate. In addition, researchers study pottery and	136
tools, which tell them about prehistoric life. Other scientists research	146
the plants, rocks, and animals that were around during prehistoric	156
times.	157