

The Lives of the Hunter-Gatherers

E. Short-answer questions:

1. Why did the early humans live in bands?
2. How did the early man start making stone tools?
3. How were the tools made?
4. What was the subject of cave art?
5. What did the early humans wear?

Solutions

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1. The early humans lived in bands because by working together, they were able to hunt bigger animals like mammoths and bison.
2. The initial tools were probably stones which were used to kill small animals. Later, man observed that if the stone had a sharp edge, it caused injury to the animal that was hit. Slowly he started making sharper tools by hitting stone against stone.
3. Pebble tools were made by hitting pebbles against each other, so that the broken bit had sharp edges. Though these tools were simple and crude, they were undoubtedly made by human hands. Core tools were made by taking a large piece of stone and striking off bits from it with another stone till it acquired a suitable shape. The large piece is called a core and the pieces are called flakes. Tools made from large pieces of stone are called core tools and those made from flakes are called flake tools.
4. The most common subject of the art was hunting scenes which were beautifully and realistically depicted. They also depicted animals, dancing scenes and scenes from everyday life.
5. The early humans wore tunics by knotting animal skins together. Later on, they even began to sew animal skins to make clothes. They made needles from bones and thin strips of leather worked as thread.