

Early Civilizations in the Eastern Hemisphere

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Creating a Storyboard

Follow these steps to create a storyboard that uses images to tell the story of prehistoric humans. Remember that a storyboard tells a story with simple drawings and short captions.

PREWRITING

- 1. Listing Stone Age Achievements** Take notes on important Stone Age achievements. Jot down ideas for how you will illustrate these achievements.

WRITING

- 2. Creating Your Storyboard** Use the worksheet on the next page to create your storyboard. Make copies of the worksheet if you need additional panels.
 - Sketch your storyboard to tell the story of the prehistoric people. Draw one image in each frame, and number each frame in the top right-hand corner. If you choose, you can label each panel on the line below it.
 - Write a summary to give more detail about the events depicted in your storyboard. Describe what is happening in each frame of the storyboard. Include an introductory sentence and a conclusion. Use transition words and phrases that show time, such as *before*, *later*, *then*, *next*, and *in the past* to help your readers understand how the events are related in time.

EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING

- 3. Evaluating Your Storyboard** Does your storyboard do a good job of telling the story of prehistoric people? Use the questions below to evaluate and revise your storyboard.
 - Does each panel of your storyboard tell about the prehistoric people?
 - Did you number your panels so your readers will know what came first?
 - Did you include simple sketches in each panel?
 - Does your summary include transition words and phrases that show time?
- 4. Proofreading Your Storyboard**

To perfect your description before sharing it, check the following:

 - Correct capitalization and spelling of all proper names and places
 - Correct punctuation and grammar

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