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**Chapter-1**

**GRADE:5 Topic: The Earliest People Date:**

**Subject: Social Studies**

**Q.I New words:**

1. **Evolution**
2. **Prehistoric**
3. **Ancestors**
4. **Archaeologist**
5. **Hominids**
6. **Homo erectus**
7. **Homo Sapiens**
8. **Fossils**
9. **Palaeoanthropology**
10. **Fragments**
11. **Pigment**
12. **Flint**
13. **Predecessor**
14. **Excavation**
15. **Primitive**

**D. Answer the following questions.**

**Q1. How can fossils help us in understanding human evolution?**

**Ans: The human evolution is a process of change by which modern humans evolved from early human ancestors over millions of years. It is a lengthy process of gradual development by which modern humans originated from ape-like ancestors.**

**Q2. Who were hominids?**

**Ans: As per the various scientific studies, it is believed that the early humans who first appeared on the Earth were ape-like creatures. They could not walk straight. These ape-like creatures were called hominids.**

**Q3. What are the sources of history?**

**Ans:The sources of history are the fossils, stone tools and cave paintings. These archaeological evidences help the archaeologists understand how early humans might have lived in their environment.**

**Q4. Write a brief note on the evolution of humans?**

**4. As per scientific evidence, it is believed that the early humans who first appeared on the Earth were ape-like creatures. They could not walk straight. These ape-like creatures were called hominids. The first hominids made their appearance on the Earth nearly five to four million years ago. They lived on either tree tops or in caves. They wandered from place to place in search of food and shelter. Gradually, as hominids evolved, changes occurred in their body. They could now stand erect. Their fingers became more flexible and thus, they developed a grip which helped them to hold things firmly. These were called homo erectus. The homo erectus travelled long distances unlike their predecessors. Then emerged the homo sapiens which literally means the 'thinking/wise man' from which modern-day humans have evolved.**