

## THE ORIGIN OF MAN

### KEY WORDS TO USE

Stone Age

Darwin's Theory

Human evolution

Homo habilis

Homo erectus

### Introduction

You should understand traditional East African belief about the origin of man

Analyze the bible and the creation stories about the origin of man

Know scientific view about the origin of man

Analyze the concept of human evolution

Understand the theory about the origin of man

Appreciate the multi-regional theory on creation and the origin of Man

Traditional views about the origin of man in East Africa

Activity: In your views based on your pride of your culture takes in the origin of Man, knowledge about what your ancestors knew about the origin of Man can lead us to reliable source of knowledge about the origin of man, therefore answer the following questions

1. What did they know about the early live of human beings?
2. From where did the first human being come?
3. How did they meet their basic needs?
4. What type of development did the first humans have? Refer to the stone age and the iron age period. What was it all about?
5. How did they express themselves?

After having done that, all these will us define our origin and the present life we believe in, largely, human cultures have been evolving with the development of man. The current human culture, most of which was copied from colonial western civilization, went through two stages of a cultural revolution million years ago. For example:

### Stage1

1. Human beings lived in nomadic life of migrations in search of ready food, water and shelter. This stage was called the..... (Fill in the gaps please)
2. Human beings invented stone, iron and wooden tools
3. Human beings learnt how to make fire , which helped them to do very many things
4. Human beings created caves and that way they stopped moving from one place to another.
5. Human beings lived in protective homesteads that resulted in the formation of..... (fill the gaps please)
6. Human being developed oral language that produced the current..... That we speak the world over.  
Note look for any fire discovery picture and home of a cultural leader picture either in your library at home, newspaper or any text book.

### Stage 2

This stage led another stage that had features like:

1. The development of domesticated plants, which led to development of .....
2. Keep some animals at home. .... were the first animals to be kept a home as they helped hunting and protected people against danger in their caves
3. Use of advanced tools for farming and hunting
4. The development of pottery

Basically, in most of the East African countries this was called the.....

### Activity

1. Write down where man originated in East Africa
2. Write down the uses of the respective tools and inventions of early man
3. Draw a table and match early man's tools with today's modern tools. Make comments.
4. Perform a role play about early man's family life and write about it.  
Get a friend or a brother or sister to help you do it.

### TRADITIONAL THEORY ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF MAN

These vary from tribe to tribe. At least each has a claim on a given traditional origin, for example, Baganda claim to have originated from the legend..... And .....

It is claimed that Nambi and Kintu of Buagnda kigdom married and produced many of current clans in Buganda kingdom. In Kenya the kikuyu claim to have originated from..... . Among the Kikuyu they believe Gikuyu and his wife produced nine children that also married and produced the current big kikuyu clans.

Human beings have a specific origin which belongs to them only. The origin of mankind raises important questions when considered in connection with their neighbors, the entire plannet earth and the physical universe. The uniqueness of human race can be found in the nature of their origin that shows their tribe, relatives and their society standards.

For example, think of their language, which allows them to communicate to one another easily. This determines their culture and difference from one another. Basing on their needs, human beings have always engaged in a restless search for further knowledge and deliberate targets, which has made their history.

Yet the uniqueness of human beings is defined by a unique culture that traditionally explains their origin. We can also use their religious beliefs and practices to trace their origin.

The traditional origin of man is divided into three branches, namely; religious, cultural, and biological beliefs

**Activity**

1. Choose for any grandparent you have or any other elder person of your choice and write a story about his/her origin. This story shall then be presented to class in the next lesson.
2. Write a report, about the out-of Africa theory of the origin of Man and present it to the class in the next lesson.
3. Carry out research and present to the class the advantages and disadvantages of using the multi-regional theory of the origin of man
4. Using the instructions given in the tables, fill in the tables below

**Comparing theories**

These theories and beliefs that connect to the origin of ma. These are agreed merits and demerits of relying on this theory.

**Table 2.1: The creation of man**

| s/n | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|-----|------------|---------------|
| 1   |            |               |
| 2   |            |               |

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**Table 2.2: The traditional theory of man**

| s/n | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|-----|------------|---------------|
| 1   |            |               |
| 2   |            |               |
| 3   |            |               |

**Table 2.3: The human evolution theory**

| s/n | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|-----|------------|---------------|
| 1   |            |               |
| 2   |            |               |
| 3   |            |               |

### **SUB-TOPIC**

As we prepare to study about the creation story about the origin of man

- a. Read the book of genesis the whole chapter 1 during your free time
- b. Creation of the universe( i.e. read about the planet the 10 of them)
- c. The creation story about Adam and Eve

Isolate, wash your hands and avoid unnecessary movements, don't hug or shake hands please.

God bless

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