



Article Guide: The Secret Life of Neanderthals - How our closest cousins lived, died, and exist still today

<http://scienceovereverything.com/2018/03/08/the-secret-life-of-neanderthals/>

Part 1: Who were Neanderthals?

Directions:

- Read the section of the article titled “Who were Neanderthals?”
 - Box vocabulary words or words that you have not seen before
 - Underline in the text where the focus questions are addressed
- Answer each focus question

Focus questions

1. When and where did Neanderthals live? What was their habitat like?

2. What kind of tools did Neanderthals use in their daily lives?

3. What evidence do we have of Neanderthal intelligence?

Part 2: Competing Cousins

Directions:

- Read each understanding question
 - Think about what you would need to know to answer that question
- Read the section of the article titled “Competing Cousins”.
 - Box vocabulary words or words that you have not seen before
- Answer each understanding question

Understanding questions

1. What kind of changes to the environmental could have favored *Homo Sapiens* instead of Neanderthals?

2. What kind of adaptations could have given *Homo Sapiens* an evolutionary advantage over Neanderthals and other species of humans?

Part 3: Neanderthals today

Directions:

- Read the section of the article titled “Neanderthals Today”
 - Box vocabulary words or words that you have not seen before
 - Discuss with a partner how you would address the extension questions.
 - Write a response to the extension questions
3. Consider that Neanderthals were nearly as intelligent as humans. Do you think that Neanderthals would be able to live in our modern society? Do you think they would be able to work and use technology? Do you think they would be able to live equally among *Homo Sapiens* or do you think they would have their own country? Explain your reasoning.
