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Hominization

The mosaic process of bipedalism, dental reduction, encephalization, tool use, and cultural dependence.

Laetoli

Footprints that illustrate habitual bipedal gait in the Pliocene.

Oldowan / Gona

Earliest widely accepted stone-tool tradition, a behavioural marker of the hominization loop.

Phillip Tobias

Stressed brain expansion in early Homo at Olduvai as a central evolutionary trend.

Dmanisi

Georgian early Homo site showing out-of-Africa ranging with still modest brains.

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