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Osteodontokeratik culture and its makers.

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Raymond Dart

He described the Taung child in 1924 and later proposed an osteodontokeratic culture at Makapansgat for australopithecines.

Makapansgat

A South African limeworks cave with australopithecine fossils and a bone assemblage that Dart read as tools.

Australopithecus africanus

The species into which Dart's *A. prometheus* is now placed. Presence at Makapansgat does not prove bone-tool manufacture.

C. K. Brain

His taphonomic restudy, notably *The Hunters or the Hunted?* (1981), showed carnivore and geological agencies behind many supposed osteodontokeratic tools.

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