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Levallois technique

A prepared-core method that produces predetermined flakes. It is a hallmark of many Mousterian assemblages.

François Bordes

He typed Mousterian facies as cultural variants. This was later challenged as functional rather than ethnic.

Lewis Binford

He interpreted Mousterian variability as tool-kit differences by activity, not as different tribes.

Neanderthals

Primary makers of the European Mousterian. In the Levant the same tradition is also associated with early Homo sapiens at some sites.