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Material culture and archaeology

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

1.1 Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization-Prehistoric (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic-Chalcolithic), Protohistoric (Indus Civilization). Pre-Harappan, Harappan and post-Harappan cultures. Contributions of the tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

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Lewis Binford

Processual archaeologist who treated artefacts as evidence of subsistence and site-formation processes.

Hunsgi-Baichbal

Acheulian localities in Karnataka studied by K. Paddayya, used to reconstruct Palaeolithic land use from stone tools.

Navdatoli

Malwa chalcolithic site excavated by H. D. Sankalia, with houses, pottery, and food remains as a village material kit.

Dholavira weights

Harappan cubical weights that record a shared measure system and long-distance craft exchange.

Ian Hodder

Post-processual argument that objects carry meaning and identity, not only function.

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