

# ABOUT : Neanderthals

Image on Plate - A waxwork model of a Neanderthal man.

**Our Ancestors** - It is now widely believed that Neanderthals were not related to our own early ancestors, called homo sapiens and evolved as a similar but different species. The DNA of modern humans however is only 0.12% different to that of a Neanderthal.

**Differences** - Neanderthals were shorter than humans, but their brains were of a similar size, if not larger. They had angled cheekbones, prominent brows above the eyes, wide noses and a flattened forehead.

**Lifestyle** - Neanderthals hunted and ate meat, even large prey such as Mammoths. However they also ate vegetables. They were quite advanced in making stone weapons and tools and were also able to make fires and even bury their dead. Generally they lived to about 30 years old.

**Dwellings** - They lived in caves or in huts, dug into the ground, using mammoth tusks and skins to create the structure.

**Ice Age** - Neanderthals were well adapted for living in the Ice age. Their short stocky bodies were good at retaining heat and their large nostrils were good at humidifying and warming the air. Big fingers and toes also helped.

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### FURTHER INFORMATION

If you want to find out even more about Neanderthals and how they lived, use the links below.

**Further information :**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neanderthal>

<http://www.livescience.com/28036-neanderthals-facts-about-our-extinct-human-relatives.html>

<http://listverse.com/2009/06/16/top-10-misconceptions-about-neanderthals/>

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