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Discusses the long period of human history known as the Stone Age during which humans evolved into beings capable of inventing and using increasingly sophisticated tools and creating complex social groupings.

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