NCERT Class 6 History

Chapter 2: On the Trail of the Earliest People

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Earliest People

- Hunters: Alert, Quick, Presence of mind (animals used to run fast)
- Gatherers: Collect plant parts, know when fruits ripe
- •They moved?
 - Resources will be exhausted at one place
 - Hunters moved with animals
 - Plants are seasonal so gatherers moved
 - Water sources some were perennial, others seasonal
 - Meet friends and relatives

How we know about earliest people?

- Tools they used: Stone, wood, bone
- To cut meat and bone
- To scrape bark (from trees) and hides (animal skins)
- To chop fruit and roots
- Wood to make huts and tools

Making Stone Tools

- Stone-on-Stone: One stone used as hammer on another
- Pressure Flaking: Core placed on firm surface and hammer stone used to remove flakes

Fire

- To light
- To cook
- To fear away animals

Hunting to Rearing

- •12,000 years ago Climate change shift to warm climate & development of grasslands
- Increase in rearing animals
- Learnt about food habit and breeding season of animals
- Grow crops like wheat & barley till now grown naturally





