

# An Introduction to... Human Traits & History

Use the information from Chapter 12.1 & 12.2 to answer the following questions ON YOUR OWN PAPER. You do not have to rewrite the questions but you are expected to refer to the question in your answer.

1. Name 2 examples of animals that are considered to be primates.
2. What is the difference between a prosimian and an anthropoid?
3. What are the 2 primary characteristics that all primates share? Describe them.
4. What is a prehensile tail? What type of primates have this?
5. What are hominids? What hominid feature separated them from other primates?
6. Find Figure 12.11 on page 287. Pick 2 of the hominid species shown... write their scientific name AND the time span for when they existed (ex: 4 million years ago – 3 million years ago).
7. Read in this section about the hominid species and answer the following:
  - a. How does the book describe *Ardipithecus ramidus*? Be specific.
  - b. How does the book describe *Australopithecus afarensis*? Be specific.
  - c. How are *Australopithecus boisei* & *robustus* different from modern humans? What have scientists concluded about this difference?
  - d. About how long ago did the last species of hominids die out?