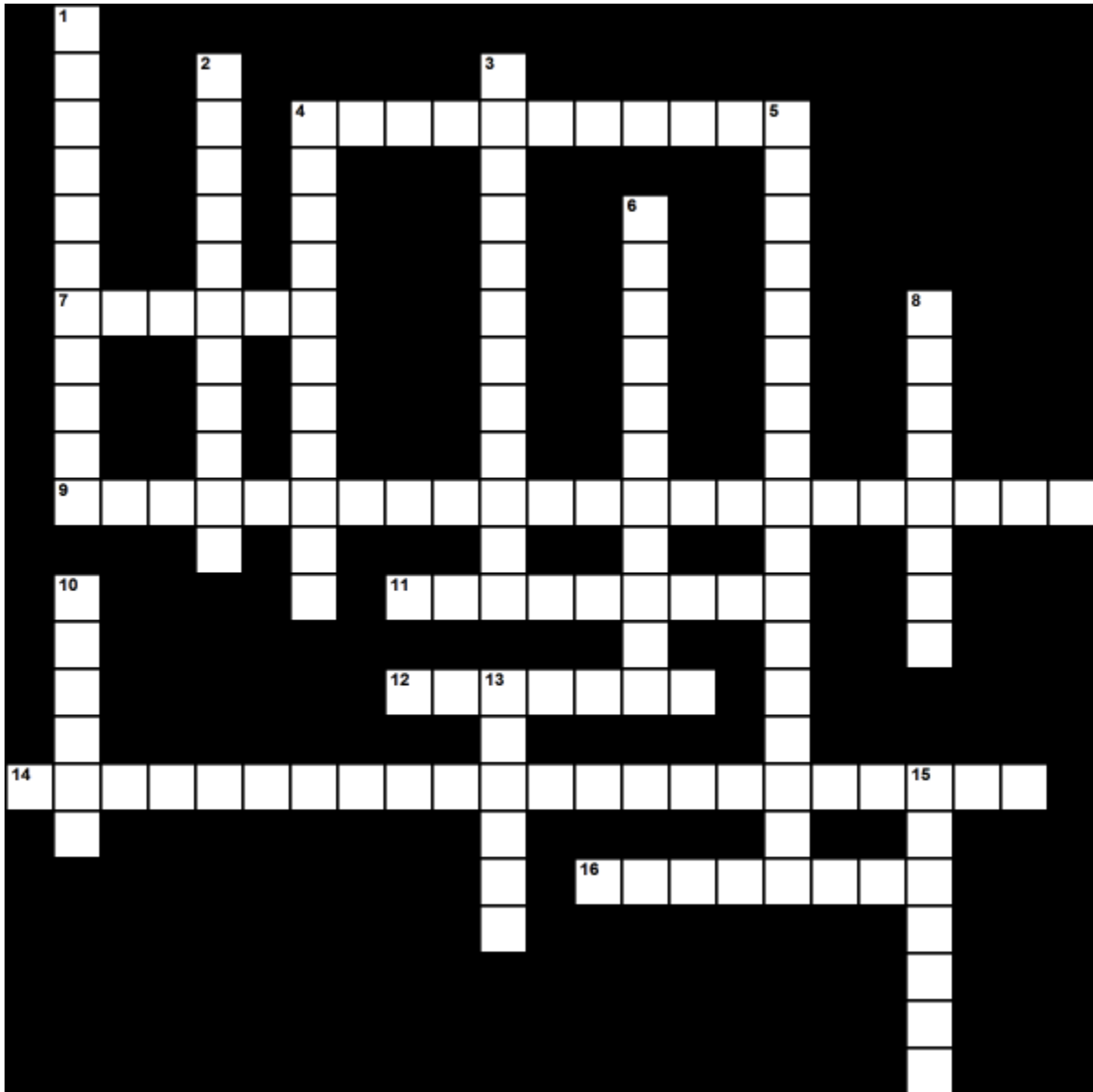


# Crossword Puzzle for Early Human Evolution

Topics 1-2: Early Transitional Humans and *Homo erectus*



## Across

4. The name of the first species of early transitional humans. They lived in East Africa about 2.4-1.6 million years ago and were relatively slender and small like their australopithecine ancestors but had larger brains.

7. The continent where the bones of Homo antecessor and Homo heidelbergensis were found.

9. The scientific name given by Davidson Black to the Homo erectus found in the 1920's near Beijing, China. The name literally means "Chinese man from Peking." Black's name for this species is no longer used by paleoanthropologists.

11. The country in Asia where the first discoveries of Homo erectus were made.

12. The sight in the nation of Georgia where the earliest human remains have been found in all of Europe. This site dates to 1.75 million years ago.

14. The name that Eugene Dubois gave in 1894 to the fossil hominin that he discovered in Java and Sumatra. His name for them literally meant "ape man who stands erect." They are now considered to be Homo erectus.

16. The name of the species assigned by some researchers to the earliest Homo erectus from Africa.

## Down

1. The name of the species assigned by some researchers to the earliest Homo habilis.

2. A limestone cave complex near Beijing China where, in 1927, bones of Homo erectus were discovered by Gunnar Anderson. This discovery sparked 10 years of intense excavations by Anderson, Davidson Black, and others that resulted in the discovery of the bones of 40 Homo erectus.

3. The term for the distinctive shape of the incisor teeth of Homo erectus. Their incisors usually had a "scooped out" appearance on the tongue side. This trait is also found in most East Asians and Native Americans today but is rare among other populations.

4. The first hominin species known to migrate out of Africa.

5. The term for a prominent projecting bony bar or brow ridge above the eyes. This trait was characteristic of Homo erectus and some other early humans. The two Latin words in this term literally mean "bony ridge above the eye."

6. The genus and species names of the most recent hominin.

8. The biological tribe of Homo and Australopithecus.

10. The first person to discover Homo erectus fossils. He was a Dutch anatomist and medical doctor who made these discoveries while exploring in the Dutch East Indies during the late 19th century.

13. The continent on which all known Homo habilis lived.

15. The name of the lake near which a nearly complete Homo erectus skeleton was found in 1984 by Richard Leakey's team of paleoanthropologists in northern Kenya. This skeleton was from an unusually tall 12 year old boy dating to 1.6 million years ago.

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