

THE ORIGINS OF OUR SPECIES (ST)

Complete this concept review handout and keep it as a record of what you have learned.

EVOLUTION OF THE HUMAN SPECIES

- Humans and all species of monkey have a common ancestor and are part of the same group: _____
- It is _____, which is _____, that first distinguished humans from monkeys.
- The human lineage separated from the great apes _____ are our closest cousins.

MAIN GENERA OF HUMAN LINEAGE

Genus	Period of existence (in millions of years before present time)	Characteristics
Australopithecus	_____	_____ _____ _____
_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
_____	_____	_____ _____ _____

TRAITS THAT HELP DISTINGUISH OUR SPECIES FROM OTHER ANIMAL SPECIES

Trait	Description	Evolutionary advantage
Type of locomotion	_____ _____	_____ _____
Hair	_____ _____	_____ _____
Brain	_____ _____	_____ _____