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Review Questions

•Most historians work with written documents, while paleoanthropologists work with

different kinds of fossil materials. Nevertheless, many of their concerns in exploring the

past are similar. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

•What are the images of humankind represented in the creation stories cited here from

the Enuma Elish, the Rigveda, and the Book of Genesis? To what degree is the place of

humankind in the world similar in each of the stories? To what degree is it different?

•In what sense did the work of Charles Darwin make the work of paleoanthropology

possible?

•Would you like to participate in an archaeological dig in Africa seeking to discover

further examples of early hominids? What elements of the work appeal to you?

Whatelements do not?

•What is the difference between “normal science” and “revolutionary science”? What

examples of revolutionary science appear in this chapter?

•To what degree is the creation of art a major step forward in cultural creativity? How

Do discoveries of art help us understand the lives of early Homo sapiens sapiens?