CONCEPT: PRIMATES

- Primates group of mammals characterized by large brains, and sophisticated visual systems
 - □ *Opposable thumb* non-finger digit that allows for grasping

EXAMPLE:



- □ **Prosimians** group of primates that are more similar to early primates, includes lemurs and lorises
- □ **Anthropoids** (**simians**) group of primates including monkeys, apes, and humans

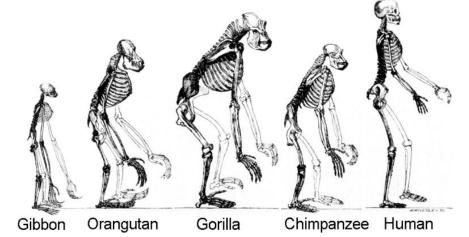
EXAMPLE:





- Hominids anthropoids sometimes called great apes, includes gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos, and humans
 - □ *Bipedalism* walking only on two hind limbs, humans are fully bipedal, but many great apes are not



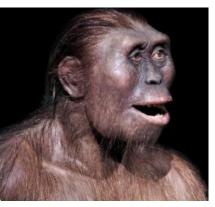


CONCEPT: PRIMATES

• Australopithecus – genus of hominids that lived 4 to 2 MYA and played an important role in human evolution

EXAMPLE:







- Homo genus of hominids that includes humans, evolved from australopithecine ancestors (possibly afarensis) ~2 MYA
 - □ *H. habilis* named "handy man" for tool use, early human that some even argue is actually *Australopithecus*
 - □ *H. erectus* and *ergaster* early humans that originated in Africa, and emigrated from the continent
 - □ Neanderthal species, or potentially subspecies, of human that shares 99.7% of DNA with modern humans
 - □ *H. sapiens* named "wise man" anatomically modern humans, though people living today are a subspecies
 - Cro-Magnon early European H. sapiens



