

CAVE PAINTING WEB RESEARCH

All internet links can be accessed on the resource page of the class wiki.

➤ Click on the first link "**Chauvet Cave**"

➤ Click on "The Cave Today"

➤ Click on "The Discovery"

Read the two pages of the article and answer the following questions:

1. When did Jean-Marie Chauvet and his two friends discover the cave?

2. In addition to the geological wonders you would expect in a cave (concretions such as stalagmites and stalactites), what were two other things the discoverers were surprised to find in the cave? (FYI: "speleology" is the scientific study of caves)

_____ and _____

➤ Return to the "**Chauvet Cave**" home page

➤ Click on "Time and Space"

➤ Click on "The Significance of the Cave"

Read the two pages of the article and answer the following questions:

3. Place the mouse over the first three highlighted animals (rhinoceroses, lions and bears) and find out more about how they differed from our modern day species.

Choose one animal and describe something particularly unique about it: _____

4. One of the most surprising things about the Chauvet Cave discoveries was that unlike other cave art from the same period, the animals represented in the paintings were not those that were typically hunted for food. What is one other surprising feature of these particular paintings? _____

- Return to the "**Chauvet Cave**" home page
- Click on "Visit the Cave" box in the lower right hand corner

5. Place the mouse over each of the red dots to learn more about the images that were found on the walls of the Chauvet Cave. Feel free to click on any images that you would like to see larger or learn more about. After looking at all of the images, choose the six that capture your attention the most.

- Return to the resource page of the class wiki
- Click on the second link "**Lascaux Cave Tour**"
- Click on "A visit to the Cave" in the middle of the page
- Go on the tour, clicking on any of the floating rectangles for enlarged version of the images (this is definitely worth doing for most of the images)
- Also pay attention to the map on the lower right hand corner as this will help you appreciate the expanse of the tunnels

6. What are some of your favorite images from your tour of the Lascaux Cave?

7. Describe at least two ways the Lascaux Cave images are similar to the Chauvet Cave images:

8. Describe at least two ways the Lascaux Cave images are different from the Chauvet Cave images:

If you have time, return to the resource page of the class wiki...

- Click on the third link "Lascaux Cave" to learn more from the French government's website (some of the English is a little awkward but there is some interesting information about the cave's discovery in 1940, the need to close it in 1963, dating methods, etc.)
- Click on the fourth link "Visiting the Chauvet Cave by John Robinson" to read a fascinating, well-written (and lengthy) description of a visit to the Chauvet Cave