

## EARLY HUMAN SPECIES PROJECT

You will be writing a fairly short but very informative overview of the Early Human Species you researched on the Smithsonian website. You will then animate an image of your species and record you reading your overview using Blabberize.com. Follow these easy-to-follow steps and you will be having a talking Pre-Homo-Sapien in no time!

### WHAT YOUR SPECIES SAYS

1. Write your overview
2. Practice reading it out loud several times to make sure that it is NOT longer than 60 seconds and easy to understand
3. Print it out
4. Let Ms. C-R review it; if she approves it, you are ready to go to the next step (if not, you may need to add more content or make some changes to enhance the clarity)

### WHAT YOUR SPECIES LOOKS LIKE

1. Find an appropriate image of your species by looking at the Smithsonian site or do a Google Images search; make sure you choose an image that is large enough to animate and has an obvious mouth
2. Right click on the image and "save picture as..." on to your computer desktop; some images may need to be opened before saving

### HOW TO GET YOUR SPECIES' LIPS MOVING

1. Go on to [www.blabberize.com](http://www.blabberize.com)
2. Log in by clicking on "log in" just below the search button in the middle of the home page
3. On the left hand side of the log in page, enter your log in name and password
4. Click "make" at the top of the page
5. Browse desktop and select the image you saved there
6. Crop the image if necessary
7. Place mouth or mouths by moving the dots to cover the space you want animated (adding more mouths allow you to move lips individually; just click on the pink button with the two plus signs at the bottom of the page)
8. Move the big green button to indicate how far you want the mouth to move
9. Choose microphone
10. Allow camera/microphone

## **HOW TO RECORD SPEECH**

1. Make sure you are somewhere in the room or the hallway where you will be able to record your voice with minimal noise interference or interruptions; you may use the headphones if that helps you concentrate
2. Click on the red dot under the image; it will move down to indicate you are ready to record
3. When recording speak clearly from start to finish
4. Click on the red dot under the image to move it up again to indicate recording has ended
5. You may re-record as many times as necessary by clicking on the red dot

## **HOW TO WATCH AND LISTEN**

1. Press the play button (triangle) to hear your recording and watch the mouth move
2. If you press "OK," you can always go back and edit before you save; in fact, you can even edit after saving

## **HOW TO MAKE CHANGES**

1. If you want to make changes to the mouth, press the mouth icon in the lower left hand part of the page and reposition
2. If you want to make changes to the recording, press the speech bubble in the lower left hand part of the page and re-record
3. Continue to make changes in the position of the mouth and the recording until you are happy with the final results

## **HOW TO SAVE**

1. If you like what you see and hear, press OK and then press "save"
2. Write the name of your species for the "Title," "Description" and "Tags;" it may not be very creative, but it will make it easy to identify

*Congratulations; you did it!!!*

*Ms C-R will watch and listen to each recording and then post them all on the student gallery page of the class wiki.*