A H r i tThe Origins of Art

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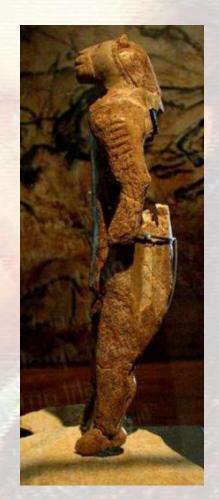
Earliest forms of Art

- First forms of artistic expression date to 70,000 – 100,000 years ago
 - Mostly geometric shapes carved into shells and beads



Statues and Sculptures

- Earliest ones date to about 32,000 B.C.E.
- Formed out of bone, stone, and ivory
- Primarily of animals and nude women
 - Thought to increase fertility



Lion headed man, c. 30,000 B.C.E. (Hohlenstein-Stadel Germany)

Woman from Willendorf (Willendorf, Austria)



Cave Paintings

- Mostly drawn in Europe between 28,000 and 10,000 B.C.E.
- Used either dyes or scratched images into walls
- Theories on purpose
 - Religious
 - Human nature to decorate selves and surroundings



The Great Black Bull (Lascaux, France)

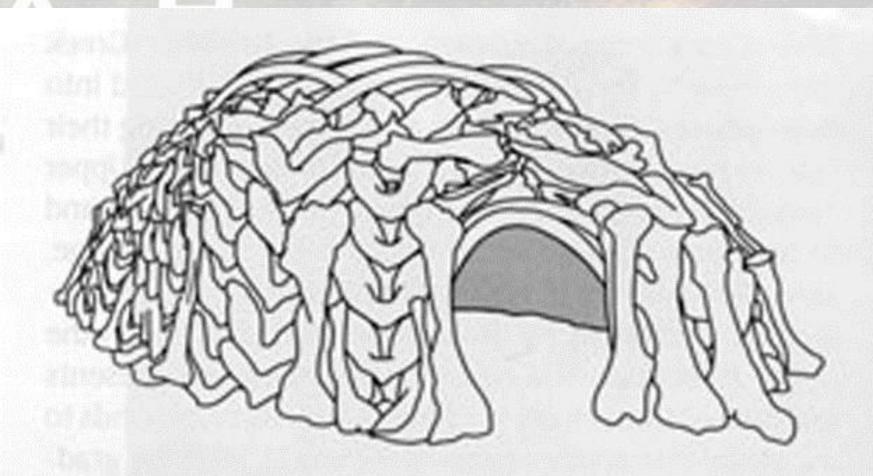


Red Cow and First Chinese Horse (Lascaux, France)



Architecture

- Most early buildings designed at homes
 - Surviving examples very basic
 - Made of stone or mammoth bones
 - Sometimes decorated with ocher
- Earliest examples from around 16,000 B.C.E.
 - Later examples include possible religious sites



 Reconstruction drawing of mammoth-bone house from Ukraine. c. 16,000–10,000 BCE

A Stonehenge

