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*Mankind: The Story of All of Us* Episode I: “Inventors”

*Nomadic Hunter/Gatherers 00:00 – 14:21*

1. Where did the genetic ancestor of all modern humans live?
2. How do people make up for their lack of natural weapons?
3. One particular invention lets us have smaller stomachs – and therefore bigger brains – and functions to protect us from predators. What is that invention?
4. Wolves have several advantages in hunting that humans don’t, but there is one hunting technique that we share with them. What is it?
5. Why were the clothes in this period better than those humans used before?
6. What advantages do humans gain by hunting with domesticated wolves?

*Agricultural Revolution 15:39 – 23:30*

1. The first farmer was probably a woman. What did she observe that may have led her to the idea of farming?
2. Settling in villages opens up the opportunity to raise new animals. It also introduces an enormous new problem. What is that problem?
3. Land ownership and agriculture also contribute to what ongoing human problem?
4. All that death leads to another invention – what is it?

*Egyptian Pyramid Construction 24:06 – 29:15*

1. The pyramids weren’t built by slaves. How did they pay the craftsmen?
2. What invention allowed Hemiunu to organize the pyramid workers?
3. What did they do to inspire the men to work faster?
4. What archaeological evidence do they have of accidents among the workers?

*Bronze Age Trade 29:15 – 34:46*

1. Imdi Ilum was one of the world’s very first entrepreneurs. How do we know so much about him?
2. What problem does Amur face on the tin-trading trip?

*Bronze-Age Warfare 34:46 – 44:10*

1. Tutmoses III felt he had to free the city of Megiddo from the invaders. Why was Megiddo important?
2. What was historically significant about Tutmoses III’s battle at Megiddo?
3. Tutmoses was a new pharaoh. How did he prove he was able to lead his people?
4. How did Tutmoses ensure that the people near Megiddo never rose against him again?
5. What new material will bring the era of the godlike king to an end?