

INVESTIGATION QUESTION

What environmental conditions and human adaptations made the global spread of Homo sapiens possible?

HYPOTHESIS

Hint: try writing it as "If ____, then ____, because ____."

Migration Route Table

Destination	Approximate Date of Arrival	Route Taken	Key Environmental Factor That Made It Possible
Europe			
East/Southeast Asia			
Australia			
North America			
South America			

ANALYSIS

What role did Ice Age sea level drops play in human migration? Name at least two specific land bridges that were exposed.

CONCLUSION

What combination of physical, cognitive, and cultural traits allowed Homo sapiens to survive in such a wide range of environments, from tropical rainforests to Arctic tundra?

CONNECT IT

The Monte Verde site in Chile suggests humans may have arrived in South America earlier than the traditional Bering land bridge theory allows. Look up the debate and explain the competing pieces of evidence.

THINK FURTHER

Humans are the only species to have colonized every continent on Earth (excluding Antarctica permanently). What does this tell you about human adaptability compared to other animals?

ADDITIONAL NOTES