Chapter 7 – The Origins of Culture and the Emergence of Homo

Questions #1

1. What are the distinctive physical characteristics of Homo erectus? What are the known elements of Homo erectus culture?

2. Describe the construction of a unifacial and bifacial stone tool.

3. Refer to the Research Frontiers box titled "Homo erectus: One or More Species?". What is a species? How do paleoanthropologists determine species differences between fossil groups? How does Andrew Kramer solve the problem of whether or not Asian and African H. erectus fossils belong to two distinct species?