The beginning of something always starts with phases, just as your mother went through phases of her pregnancy before you were born. Humans have been known to be on earth for millions of years back and have gone through their own phases. These phases are separated from a long period of time which first starts with the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic age. The Paleolithic age is when these pre historic humans started making tools during the time these tools they made were used to help them as hunter gatherers. The tools were used to hunt and kill animals for food and harvest plants and other edible goods. They lived in huts and caves where they camped out and even made their homes. They learned how to make a fire at their will which many historians say this was the greatest discovery of man and a turning point to turn man to the path of civilization. The Mesolithic age can be characterized by the more advanced stone tools being used at this time, such as polished stone tools even small stone tools used for mounting things. The Neolithic age is when these early humans finally had permanent settlements. They had domestic plants like we still do today and at this time is when you start seeing stuff like pottery appear and they started doing weavings. You can see how each of these ages had something passed down from the last just like with any phase it is influenced from the last to build it's characteristics.