**ANCIENT PATHWAYS, ANCIENT PEOPLES**

**‘The influence of geology on the pathways of ancient peoples’**

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**OUTLINE:**

**Week 1 – Emergence of Humans – East African Rift**

* + - Geology (Don)
      * + Geologic overview creating Africa
        + Geology of East Africa Rift
        + 1st pre-humans (Hominids) – why east Africa?
    - Vagabonds meet ‘Handy Man’ & ‘Zinj’ (Sandi)
      * + Introduction to hominid timeline and family tree
        + Laetoli Archeological site - Tanzania
        + Olduvai Gorge Anthropological site - Tanzania

**Week 2 – The Path into Africa – South**

* + - Geology (Don)
      * + Why early peoples leave central Africa
        + Influence of rivers/river deltas to emerging civilizations
    - Vagabonds meet ‘Mrs Ples’ and ‘Little Foot’ (Sandi)
      * + Sterkfontein anthropological site - South Africa

**Week 3 – The Path into Europe**

* + - Geology: (Don)
      * + Why early peoples move into Europe
        + Presence/absence of minerals/metals to emerging civilizations
    - Vagabonds meet the Paleolithic Abri Cro-Magnon man (Rocky)
      * + La Grotte de Lascaux archeological site – France

**Week 4 – The Path into Asia**

* + - Geology (Don)
      * + Why early peoples move into Asia
        + The search for resources
    - Vagabonds meet the Neolithic Age People (Rocky)
      * + Banpo anthropological site – China

**Week 5 – The Path into the Americas**

* + - Geology (Don)
      * + Geology of Beringia
        + Pathways into & across the Americas
    - Vagabonds meet ‘On-Your’Knees’ caveman (Sandi)
      * + Beringia Museum – Yukon, Canada
        + Prince of Wales Island anthropological site - Alaska

**Week 6 – The Path into the Americas**

* + - Geology (Don)
      * + Why early people move into the Americas
        + Coming from the east – Atlantic Ocean crossing from Europe/Iceland
        + Or, coming from the west - land crossing via the Beringia
    - Vagabonds meet the early Americans (Rocky)
      * + Clovis people (earliest Americans?)
        + Pre-Clovis presence in Americas?

- Gault archeological site – Texas

- Buttermilk Creek Complex - Texas