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Synopsis

Discover the peoples and cultures from the Stone Age (two million years ago) through the Egyptians and Babylonians.

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