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Teacher Key

1. Why do geneticists study DNA of ancient humans?

Answers will vary. To learn about similarities and differences between ancient humans and humans today; to learn why ancient humans died out; to make claims about ancient humans.

2. Describe 2 ways Homo Sapiens and Neanderthals are similar.

Answers will vary. They both hunted and gathered, they have similar DNA, they both have a variety of skin colors, they had spoken languages.

3. Describe 2 ways Homo Sapiens and Neanderthals are similar.

Answers will vary. Neanderthals didn't feel as cold as Homo Sapiens, Homo sapiens had more enamel in their teeth, Homo sapiens had larger brains but smaller skulls, Neanderthals moved to colder climates, Neanderthals' blood clotted more.