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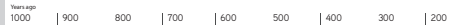
COLLECTIVE LEARNING

Many creatures can learn. Some can share what they learn. Only humans can share ideas so efficiently that we learn collectively as a species. We are uniquely powerful because we use symbolic language to store and circulate information that would otherwise disappear when individuals die. This enables us to manipulate and react to our environments like no other species on the planet.

1 MILLION YEARS AGO

5000 YEARS AGO

1000 YEARS AGO



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THRESHOLD COLLECTIVE LEARNING

INGREDIENTS

Powerful brains

Precise and versatile
symbolic language



GOLDBLOCKS CONDITIONS

Interactions between individuals
and between communities

Enable the transfer and storage
of information



NEW COMPLEXITY

A new species, *Homo sapiens*, that uses
collective learning to

Connect with each other in
new ways

Adapt to their environment
without changing genetically

Pass information from
generation to generation