

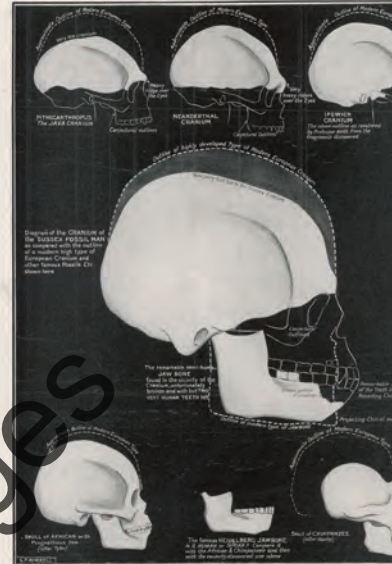
Ancient Forgeries



Archaeological forgery is when someone makes ancient items and sells them to collectors and museums.

In 1912, parts of a skull and jawbone were found at Piltdown in England. Experts thought the bones were fossils of early humans. When scientists tested the bones forty years later, they found that the bones were an ape's jawbone joined to a man's skull. The "Piltdown Man" was a forgery.

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A microscope showed tiny file marks on the teeth. The ape teeth had been filed to make them look like human teeth.



Piltdown Man

