



# Discovering Human Origins in Africa

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*As you watch the video, take notes in the spaces below to help you answer the questions.<sup>1</sup>  
At the bottom of this handout, capture a quote from the video that represents the lesson's central idea.*

- 1 Why didn't many scientists in the early 20th century believe that human origins began in Africa?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2 What evidence did Darwin and Huxley provide to support their belief that human origins were in Africa?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3 Why was Raymond Dart's finding of the Taung child so controversial? What was the implication of the finding?

**QUOTE FROM THE VIDEO THAT REFLECTS THE LESSON'S CENTRAL IDEA:**

**GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSING YOUR QUOTE:**

- How does the quote you selected reflect our discussions about anti-Africa bias?
- How did this bias influence scientists of that time? Why does it matter today?

<sup>1</sup> Questions are from "Discovering Human Origins in Africa Support Materials." PBS Learning Media. Accessed March 21, 2020. <https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/nvdh-sci-humanorigins/discovering-human-origins-in-africa/support-materials>.