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Project Statement

For my project, I decided to focus on the more recent aspects of the courses that discuss the development of modern humans. When trying to figure out what specifically to assign this to, I wanted to do something that would be more fun for me, while also educational and applies concepts we learned in class. I came up with the idea of watching the movie Ice Age and specifically analyzing the human tribe that is displayed in the movie, and answering the question, is the movie 100% accurate? Or are there lies or corners that were cut? So I started off, and watched the movie and took notes while I did it.

I paid close attention during the movie, and pretty much any time the human tribe was shown on screen, I looked at things in the background and made sure that there wasn't anything that I missed. This was how I was able to pick out things like the clothing the humans wore, the weapons and tools they made, the symbols on the attire, and other stuff that I made note of during the presentation. Even little things, like a sentence here or there, played big roles in crafting my argument. After an initial watchthrough, I then began to create an idea in my head about what I would say, and when I started making the presentation I pulled up the movie again and would skip to certain parts here and there just to review something. I have probably stared at the movie Ice Age a total of 3.5 hours, and not chronologically. The presentation itself was really fun to make. I tried to weave in my arguments while also creating the slides as if I was telling a story, and I think it turned out well. I especially enjoyed adding little photos and piecing together seemingly-obscure points into a logical, coherent argument (as you will see in the presentation).

As for the pieces of evidence, I felt like I had used a good amount of references, and many of them come from one of the readings that was assigned in the class. I would read the

review article, and then go to the sources suggested and cite from there. In addition, there would be times where I couldn't find something from the syllabus that was assigned, so I would look up questions, usually through google scholar, and find sources that way.

Ultimately, I made a really fun presentation that talks about the Human Tribe in Ice Age and answers the question, is it historically accurate, and I really enjoyed doing it. And while this project statement might not go in-depth about the argument or sources that I used, it's because everything is explained in the presentation. Thank you so much for a great class, and I hope you enjoy my presentation! Here are my sources.

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