**Paleolithic and Neolithic Compare/Contrast Chart**

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| **Food** | **-hunting and gathering**  **- bands searched in**  **home territory** | **- farming and herding**  **- developed agriculture**  **- less time getting food** |
| **Shelter** | **- open campsites**  **- overhanging rock**  **- dry river beds**  **- piled up brush - caves** | **- homes made of sun-dried**  **mud-brick/door in roof**  **- villages** |
| **Tools/**  **Weapons** | **- sticks and stones**  **- stone flakes**  **- skewer - spear**  **- burin/axe (Cro-Magnons)** | **- more detailed tools**  **- shaped metal into**  **weapons** |
| **Fire** | **- lightning**  **- rubbing sticks**  **together** | **- cooked food using ovens** |
| **Clothing** | **- animal skin**  **- fastened together** | **- used wool from sheep for thread**  **- used bright colors** |
| **Language** | **- pointing/grunting**  **- use of sign language**  **- dev. common language** | **- language became more impt.**  **because of social concerns** |
| **Skills/**  **Artistry** | **- statues of bone**  **- cave paintings** | **- potters**  **- weavers**  **- metal workers** |
| **Govern-ment** | **- cooperated: worked**  **together to hunt**  **- Cro-Magnons agreed on**  **rules and traded** | **-more complex govt. because there**  **were more people and they owned**  **land**   * **Chief ruled** |
| **Religion** | **- Neanderthals were first to**  **bury their dead** | **- chiefs were priests**  **- God & Goddesses of nature**  **- separate places of worship** |