

Name Model Source(s) # 4, 5, 7



Inquiry Question: Were the humans merely painting artwork or were they communicating to one another?

SEARCHING FOR DETAILS

I read the sources closely and mark words and phrases that help me answer my question.

SELECTING DETAILS

I select words or phrases from my search that I think are the most important for answering my question. I write the reference next to each detail.

Detail 1 (Ref.: Source #4)

The ancient cave painters "represent the artists who used courage, intelligence, and imagination to leave behind images that have lasted for thousands of years," and went through the difficult process of making ink.

Detail 2 (Ref.: Source #5)

"Since the 19th century this idea has fallen out of favour, given the incredible amount of effort people invested in the art. They created scaffolding to reach high areas, ventured into deep, dark and dangerous areas (which involved the invention of the oil lamp) and much more. Clearly, many argued, they were investing too much in this artwork just for it to be a doodle (White, 2003)."

Detail 3 (Ref.: Source #7)

"Storytelling described their world in a way that they could understand, and it provided them with a vision of order in the universe similar to the order that existed in their own lives."

ANALYZING AND CONNECTING DETAILS

I re-read parts of the texts and think about the meaning of the details and what they tell me about my question. Then I compare the details and explain the connections I see among them.

What I think about the details and how I connect them:

The ancient people drew beautiful paintings on the cave walls showing that they were intelligent and creative people. According to Benton, these people would not have dedicated so much effort and time to these paintings if they were not very important to them. Most likely, the ancient people communicated stories about the gods, the universe and themselves. These paintings and symbols in the caves were probably not done for simply artistic reasons, but to communicate more important aspects of their lives to one another.

MAKING A CLAIM

I state a conclusion I have come to and can support with evidence from the texts after reading them closely.

My claim that answers my inquiry question:

Ancient cave painters were intelligent people who used art to communicate.