

The 'Iceman' who was shot 5,000 years ago

Have you ever heard of Ötzi the Iceman?

Vocabulary

1. parasites 2. isolated 3. archaeology 4. dramatically 5. ancestors 6. DNA

True Story

Ötzi the Iceman, found in the Alps, lived over 5,000 years ago. New _____ studies show he had dark skin, brown eyes, and was losing his hair. His _____ came from Anatolia in Turkey, bringing farming to Europe. Ötzi lived in a small, _____ community in the Alps and faced many challenges, like broken bones and _____.

He also had a risk of heart disease, but his active life kept him healthy. Ötzi died _____, shot in the back with an arrow. Today, he can be seen at the South Tyrol Museum of _____ in Italy.

Quiz

1. Where was Ötzi the Iceman found?
2. What color were Ötzi's eyes?
3. Where did Ötzi's ancestors come from?
4. How did Ötzi die?

True or False

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| 1. Ötzi lived in a large city in the Alps. | True False |
| 2. Ötzi's ancestors brought farming to Europe. | True False |
| 3. Ötzi can be seen in a museum today. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Hey Ötzi, how's it going in the Alps?
B: Oh, you know, just surviving broken bones and parasites!
A: Sounds rough! At least you're keeping active.
B: Yep, keeps my heart ticking, I guess.
A: Heard you got an arrow in the back, though.
B: Yeah, that was a bit of a surprise!

Discussion

1. What part of history interests you the most?
2. Do you think you would survive in ancient times?
3. Would you like to live in the mountains? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever broken a bone?