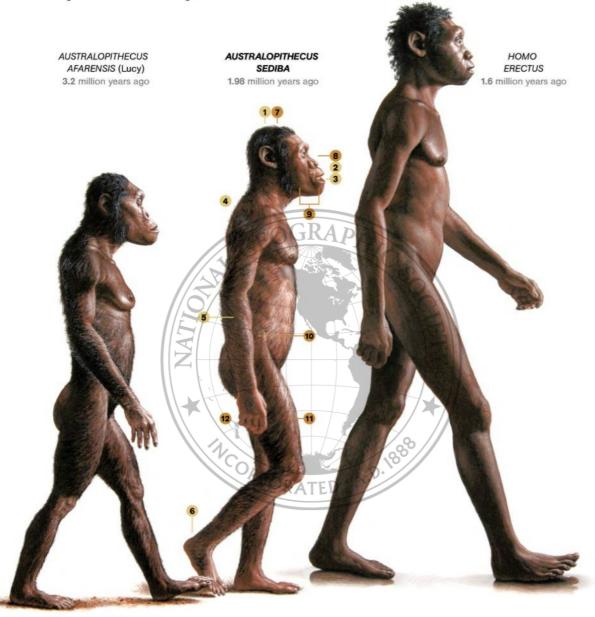
According to its discoverers, *A. sediba*'s odd blend of primitive and modern traits make it an intriguing candidate for the immediate ancestor of *Homo*. "It's the ultimate look at a species in transition," says paleoanthropologist Lee Berger. "And it's transitioning toward humans."



SIMILARITIES WITH AUSTRALOPITHS

SIMILARITIES WITH HOMO

- Small brain size 1
 Long, high cheekbones 2
- Primitive molar cusps

 Small body size
 - Long upper limbs 5
 Primitive heel bone 6
- Front of brain reorganized
- 8 Projecting nose
- 9 Smaller teeth and chewing muscles
- 10 Hips less flared, similar to humans
- 11 Longer legs
- 12 Hand with precision grip