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* 1924, med student in Africa, called Raymond Dart discovered fossils in a quarry near Taung.
* Taung skull was a *Australopithecus africanus* – southern ape like creature of Africa
* 2 million year old ancestor of humans
* Robert Broom discovered hominid fossils including *Homo erectus*
* *Homo erectus* found in Java and China.
* Dart and colleagues found bone tools among the hominid fossils.
* Research extended from archaeology of hominid skeletons to paleoanthropology.
* Paleoanthropology – Study of the entire environment in which hominids had lived in.
* Louis Leaky excavated in East Africa in 1930’s
* Most of Louis’ discoveries were achieved with his wife Mary
* Great Rift Valley runs through the Jordan River valley and the Dead Sea.
* Rift is full of fossils; in other words Rift = Fossil-hunter delight