

Climate and Human Migration Timeline

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Touch a date in the timeline to see how climate influenced human migration.

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1800 AD

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1800 AD: After the "Little Ice Age" in 1500, the Industrial Revolution releases carbon-rich greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, causing it to counteract the cooling effect from volcanic eruptions, leading to global droughts and the Dust Bowl era of the Great Plains.

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88,000 BC: Our early ancestors, originating from East Africa, travelled to what it now Syria. A global freeze turns this area and North Africa into extreme desert, killing everyone in the migrating group.