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From the period before the beginning of the Lower Palaeolithic Sonvian industry about 25,000 years ago, few remains of *Homo erectus* or *Homo sapiens* have been discovered. Much more evidence is known from the Late Paleolithic Hoabinhian sites dated up to the Early Holocene, which have revealed both human remains and stone artifacts. Before the first Metal Age cultures of the second millennium B.C., Vietnamese archaeologists have distinguished a dozen archaeological cultures mainly on the basis of different ceramic types, stone axes, and burials.

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