

Re: Cultures whose own name is unknown

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| Richard Fangnail wrote:

| > Weren't terms like "Hyksos" made up by historians long after the Hyksos
| > people died out? Are there other names of cultures like that?

| Perhaps the simple answer would be: most prehistoric peoples and
| cultures. Only in the rare cases where they left written records and
| happened to mention their name for themselves are things any different.
| Normally, they get named for the place where their remains were found,
| or some distinctive aspect of their material culture, or in some other
| imaginative way.

| Other examples: "Anasazi" in the Southwestern US --- a Navaho word
| meaning "old enemies".

| "Lapita" in the Pacific --- the name of the site where their distinctive
| pottery style was first recognized.

Would Neanderthal also qualify?

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