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Cro-Magnon Man

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Stars

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Iron oxide and manganese mixed with water and animal fat.

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To tell the story of an especially good hunt, to preserve images of animals that were becoming extinct due to the approaching ice age, religious worship involving the stars in relation to animals and humans.

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The Bull

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For a three-dimensional effect, for features of the animals, such as a bear's paw or a horse's eye.