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Assignment: In about a 3 page review Chapter 2 “An historical Analysis of the Evolution of the Nigerian state.

The historical background of Nigerian government and politics involves the pre-colonial period and the colonial period in Nigeria. The pre-colonial period is the period before the coming of the colonialists to Nigeria while the colonial period refers to the era that colonial administration was established in the country Nigeria.

 The exact time when man began to live in Nigeria is unknown but there are archaeological evidences from different parts of Nigeria which pointed to the fact that man had settled in the region now known as Nigeria since the Palaeolithic period 5000-9000BC.

 The man who lived in Nigeria during those years worked hard to cope with his environment. First, he needed food. For this purpose he began to hunt his animals and to gather fruits. But he soon began to invent tools consisting of pebbles made into chopping and cutting tools. Archaeologists called the tools the Oldowan-type tools