The Fifth Beginning by Robert Kelly. Activity.

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| What occurred during each beginning? | What evidence supports the inferences that led to the interpretation of each beginning? Note: some evidence will be mentioned in the text, some will not. This is a learning experience; make informed judgments on what other evidence might have informed archaeological understanding of the beginning. Identify this evidence with (not presented) following each entry. |
| First Beginning: |  |
| Several key dates: | |
| Second Beginning: |  |
| Several key dates: | |
| Third Beginning: |  |
| Several key dates: | |
| Forth Beginning: |  |
| Several key dates: | |
| Fifth Beginning: [Pick a name based on Kelly’s argument] | [Imagine some material evidence of a future you’d like for life on earth] |
| Several key dates: [Kelly identifies some evidence he thinks archaeologists will use as key indicators. Have fun and project some additional dates into our future for what you’d like to see happen] | |

Reflection:

1. Please write a few paragraphs reflecting on what you learned from this book and our discussions about the human past as well as the role of archaeology in the world.
2. Does knowing the long-term human story have any impact on how you perceive yourself and your future? Why or why not?