

Intro to Forensic Anthropology



What is Forensic Anthropology?



The study of human skeletal remains resulting from unexpected deaths

Purpose of a Forensic Anthropologist



- Recover remains
- Identify remains
- Determine time & cause of death

Identify Remains



FEMALE PELVIC OPENING



MALE PELVIC OPENING



- **Age** - bone length and fusion
- **Sex** - difference in pelvis, skull, femur
- **Stature** - size of bones
- **Ancestry** - teeth and skull

Determine Cause of Death



- Sharp Force Trauma
- Blunt Force Trauma
- Trauma before or after death

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