Cornell Notes activity

TED Talk: Albert Zink, “A 5,300 year-old murder mystery.” August 2023. <https://www.ted.com/talks/albert_zink_a_5_300_year_old_murder_mystery>

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| A 5,300-year old murder mystery V Jackson Aug 31 2023 | |
| Sept 19 1991  Otzi the Iceman  How did he die?  Frozen  Active but some long-term health issues  Died 3350BCE; late Neolithic Copper Age  Murder victim  Pollen and stomach contents tells us timing  Flint arrowhead in his shoulder | Hikers found a corpse in the ice in the Austria/Italy border Alps.  Mummified body, lived over 5000 years ago  Initial theory: a hunter or shepherd who died in bad weather  Good preservation means we know a lot about him  160cm/5’2” tall, 50kg/110lbs, died when 40-50yrs old; active but predisposed to cardiovascular disease; had ulcer; had worms  Carried a copper axe from Tuscany; clothes of sheep and goat leather, ate cultivated grains; 61 tattoos in areas where he was in pain, perhaps intended as treatment like acupuncture  Cut wound on his hand showed iitial healing, likely a defensive wound; dressed with bogmoss (antiseptic properties)  It was spring/early summer based on stomach contents  Was fleeing from someone; three days before he died started at the 2500m altitude (timber line); 24 hours later he descended 1200m altitude, where there are warmth loving trees, then in final hours he was around 3000m where grasses and flowers dominated  Shot from behind, likely died of bloodloss; his remains and belongings were left as they fell.  Will never know who he was, why he was killed. |
| Summary: Hikers found a corpse in 1991, later dubbed “Otzi the Iceman”, who died 5,300 years ago as a murder victim. Good preservation means we learn a lot about his diet and lifestyle. He clearly had enemies because he was murdered; he was attacked, chased for days, and then murdered from behind with an arrow. | |