Origins of Bipedalism

In this exercise, you'll explore an essential aspect of being human--walking on two legs.
Review the information from Chapter 9 concerning bipedality.
View the following short video: [When We First Walked)](https://ca.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/first-walked-eons/first-walked-eons/)

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View this interactive display on the origins of bipedalism from [NOVA Science (Links to an external site.)](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/evolution/origins-bipedalism.html).

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Once you review the above material, answer the four questions below. please answers these questions.

1. What parts of the skeleton are most important in assessing whether a fossil form was bipedal?

2.  Based on the evidence from fossils and paleoenvironmental reconstruction, how did Ardi (*Ardipithecus ramidus*) use bipedalism? How did it differ from how we walk bipedally?

3.  According to the video, what is the savanna hypothesis and why is it becoming discredited?