Natural Selection

Natural selection, in a nutshell:



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EVOLUTION [ev-uh-loo-shuh n or, esp. British, ee-vuh-]

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What kind of Television is that?





Radio Television

Let's listen to the greatest show of all time

James Cameron France start at :07seconds

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One of the greatest (and most famous) radio television broadcast premieres 9pm, Wed 30 October on PBS America (Sky 534 & Virgin Media 243).

War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast | PBS America by: <u>PBSAmerica</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPEn5k55g-o



One of the greatest (and most famous) radio television broadcast occurred on October 30, 1938 was...

The War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast - Short Version by:<u>Bobby Jay Kennerley</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClreKtEi4dM

Orson Welles - War Of The Worlds - Radio Broadcast 1938 - Complete Broadcast. By: <u>David Webb</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs0K4ApWI4g</u>



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However, many networks like NBC and CBS had already been broadcasting for several years.

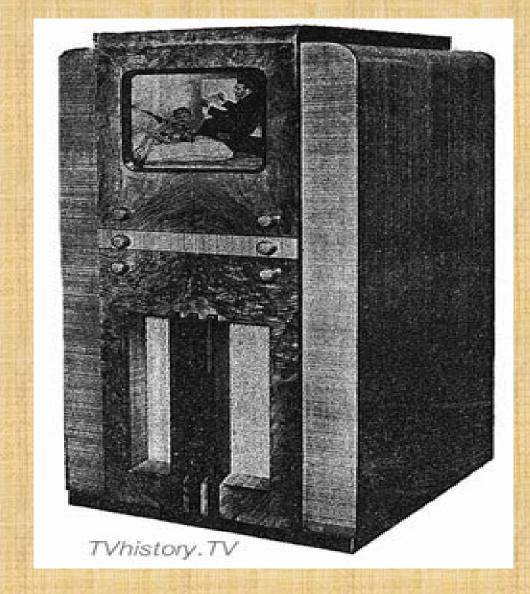
Radio networks were quickly adjusting their studios to accommodate the new medium.



Sets were large pieces of equipment with about 12 inch screens.

They cost about \$400 to \$500

The average household income was about \$1300 a year.



One of the most recognized images from this early era includes the 1936 **Olympics from Berlin** in which Hitler announced the opening of the ceremonies.



Much of the hype surrounding televisions in the 1940's was swept under the rug with the onset of WWII.

Production of televisions stopped so the U.S. could put their efforts toward developing radar technology.



Even though the production of televisions stopped, the innovation persisted and color was introduced at the early part of the decade.

This is also when the **television** commercial was invented.

During the war, the television was used as a small propaganda machine. Encouraging people to buy bonds and support the effort.



The post-war economy was strong and the late 40's saw a boom in television production.

Two types of models surface the tabletop and console.



People like Milton Berle, Ed Sullivan and Howdy Doody become some of TV's first stars.

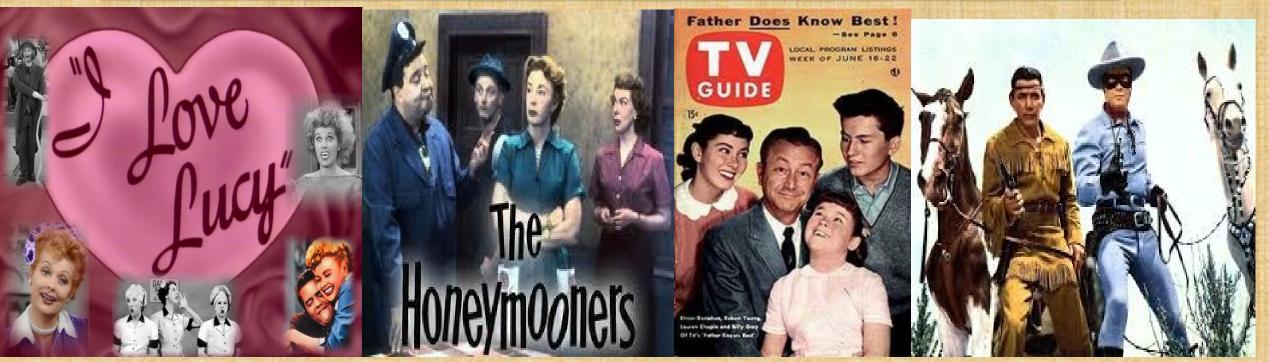




Often the 1950's have been seen as the hay day of the economical boom in the United States and the Golden Age of television.

More people are buying consumer electronics, by the end of 1951 and there are more than 8,000,000 TVs in the United States.

The family dinner is revolutionized with the introduction of the TV dinner. Family meals will never be the same.



... are some of the most watched programs.

Color becomes the wave of the future and the Remote Control is invented. Although most people had neither.

The "tube" becomes an advertiser's dream come true. Products are marketed directly to the consumer by sponsorships.

The "soap opera" is thus named for the cleaning products that sponsored the daytime dramas targeted directly at women.



By the end of the decade, a 21-inch black and white set was about \$200 and the average 21-inch color set was almost \$500.



Often the 60's are seen as the end of an era. An age of innocence seen in the 1950s died and would never be seen again in the United States. After the assassination of President Kennedy, families gathered around to watch the news depicting a changing social climate and growing hostility toward an oppressive government. Americans begin to get more news from the television than the newspaper.

The United States became obsessed with space travel. Everything sold had a space age edge, especially televisions. Everyone gathered to watch shuttle and moon landing. **Televisions became more** portable and affordable.



The Vietnam War is the first conflict to be televised.

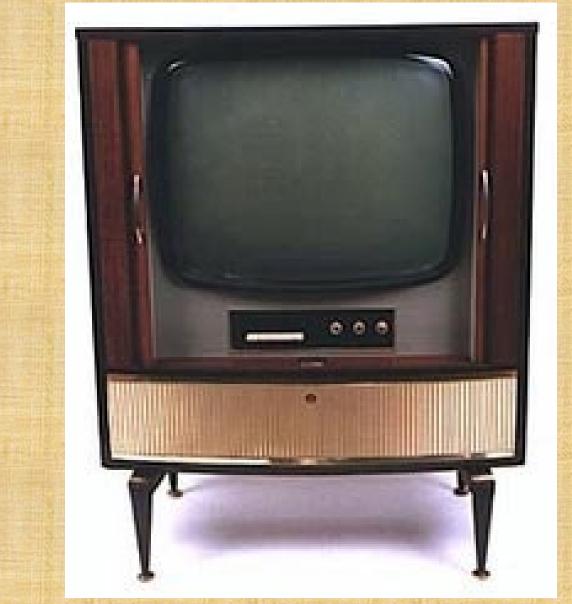
Doctors legally advertised





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By the <u>end of</u> the <u>decade</u> there were approximately 78 million television sets in homes across the United States; 200 million around the world.



Nighttime broadcasts

broke the traditional

<u>molds</u>.

and...

<u>Couples were now</u> sleeping in the same beds

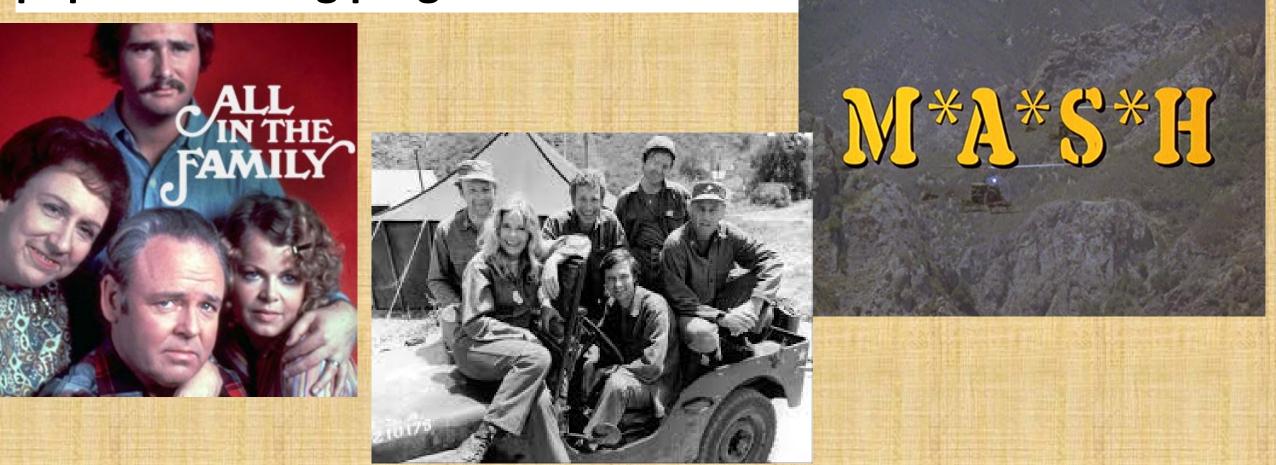


Actresses could show their belly buttons.

<u>"I Dream a ...</u>

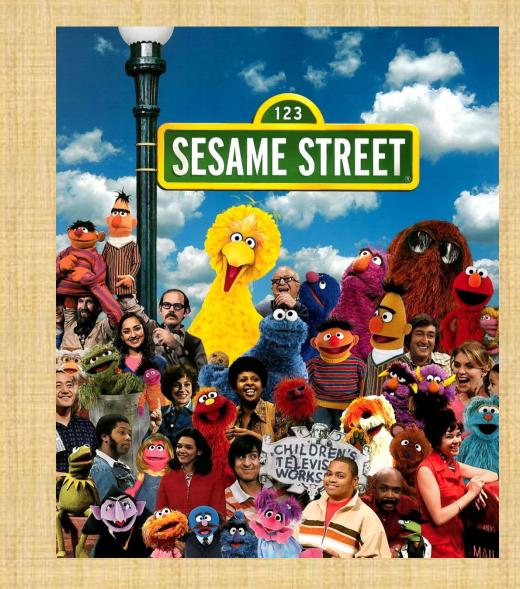


And... "All in the Family" and "M.A.S.H." are two of the most popular evening programs.



Sesame Street debuts to children across the country in 1969.

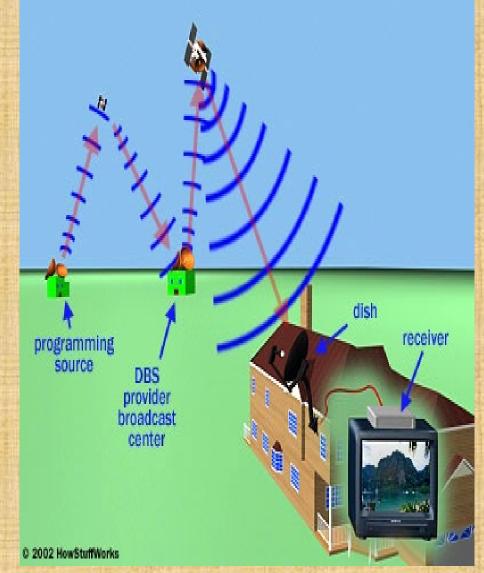
The show is still on the air after almost 50 years. With 4,500 episodes



The average salary is \$7,500 a year and the average price for a TV was between \$400 and \$700 dollars.

The first direct to broadcast satellite television was launched in 1972.

1978 was the last year large Black and White consoles were manufactured



The 80's saw little innovation with the television specifically; however, there became a growing number of television accessories like...

...like the VCR and home game consoles like Nintendo.



The VCR took the United States by storm. Although introduced in the late 70's, the VCR didn't become a staple in the American home until the mid 1980s. Now, people could watch movies in the comfort of their own home and record and watch their favorite programs on their own timetable.



Although cable had been around since the 50's, cable television saw a significant boom during the 80's.



Sitcoms were more popular than ever. The 80's spawned programs like "Rosanne," "The Cosby Show" and..

...and "Married with Children" (The series' 262-episode run makes it the longest-lasting live-action sitcom in television history.)



The 90's saw big changes in technology all together.

One can arguably say the 1990s was an age of technological change, thanks largely to the Internet. The personal computer became affordable enough for average people to own.



The Internet was available through dial-up ISPs like Prodigy and AOL, and information was seemingly at our fingertips.

Let's log onto the internet...

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Johnny Carson left the Tonight Show in 1993 after more than 30 years on the air.

Cable television programming saw a large boom at the end of the decade.



<u>Television programming</u> <u>became more risqué,</u> pushing the FCC's buttons and <u>spawned some of the</u> <u>most loved shows</u> of all time including:







First aired on 12/17/1989 is has more than 599+ episodes. Currently on Season 32

Broadcast on <u>HBO</u>, certain series <u>were exempt from</u> standard FCC regulations and frequently depicted scenes with graphic violence and foul language.



In the 2000's various TV technologies like Plasma and LCD are in experimental stages. Standard CRT televisions still lead the market. However...



However, televisions now include additional features like picture in picture, sleep timers and parental controls



DVD players take over the home theater experience. Much like the VCR, DVD players were introduced a decade earlier, but took some time to gain momentum. At the beginning of the decade, DVD players were in approximately seven percent of homes; in less than 10 years, more than 80 percent of homes had a DVD player.







Thin is in. Advances in LCD and Plasma technology enable television manufacturers to produce a better picture, larger screen sizes and save space.



Television goes all digital.

In 2009, all analog televisions will go black.

<u>Networks will only</u> <u>be producing a</u> <u>digital signal</u>.



Less than 10 years after the DVD player's introduction, the second wave of video players were introduced touting better quality and longer run times.



HD DVD and Blu-ray enter a battle for high definition supremacy.



TV goes online

With the introduction of high speed Internet, video streaming and digital recording enter the scene.



<u>SMART TV</u>

This has led to many networks making their programs available online.







TVhistory.TV









What else has changed over time?

The Theory of Whale Evolution





Topics: Artiodactyls and Hippos Whale Ancestors Adaptations

evolutionary history of modern-day whales Most <u>scientists believe</u> that molecular studies show <u>that hippos and</u> <u>cetaceans share a more common ancestor than do hippos and pigs</u>.

The ancient four-footed mammals that flourished worldwide for 40 million years and then died out in the ice ages are the missing link between the whale and its not-so-obvious nearest relative, the hippopotamus.

Researchers believe that whales and hippos had a common waterloving ancestor 50 to 60 million years ago that evolved and split into two groups: the early cetaceans, which eventually spurned land altogether and became totally aquatic; and a large and diverse group of four-legged beasts called *anthracotheres*.

Hippopotamus

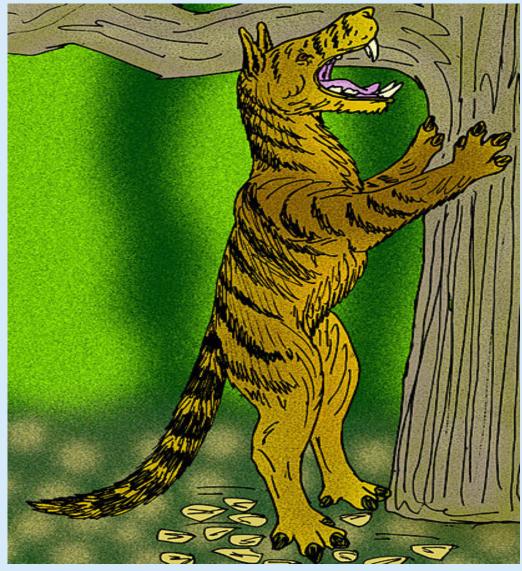


Nearest Living Relative to Whales

Let's Look at Ancient Ancestors



Sinonyx



Jumping back to 60 million years ago, we can find the last shoredwelling ancestor of modern whales. This animal appears to have been a hyena-like animal called Sinonyx which began to enter the sea, presumably to take advantage of the rich food sources of the ocean. Sinonyx had dental and facial traits like living whales and dolphins, but had hooves like a goat or cow.

Indohyus

Indohyus was about a 12 to15 pound mammal that looked like a *miniature deer*.



The Indohyus had heavy bones making it slow on land and easier prey for predators. In the water the same structural feature would help it stay on the bottom, where it could forage and hide.

Indohyus

It has an unusual bone structure around the animal's ear. It was a little bowlshaped structure. The inside of that bone is very thick, the outside of the bone is very thin. Whales are the only mammal with this unique bone structure. It lived about 49 MYA



Ambulocetus

Ambulocetus lived about 47 million years ago and is one of the best examples of a transitional form between whales and terrestrial animals.

Ambulocetus

Ambulocetus lacked a blowhole, but otherwise had a skull and tooth structure very similar to modern whales. Its spine moved up and down for swimming the way that modern whales do, but its four legs were still functional enough that it was probably able to walk on land in the same way that sea lions do today.

Ambulocetus

This animal is best described as being an amphibious (using both land and sea), sea lion-sized animal that swam and ate fish, but was still somewhat connected to the terrestrial environment.

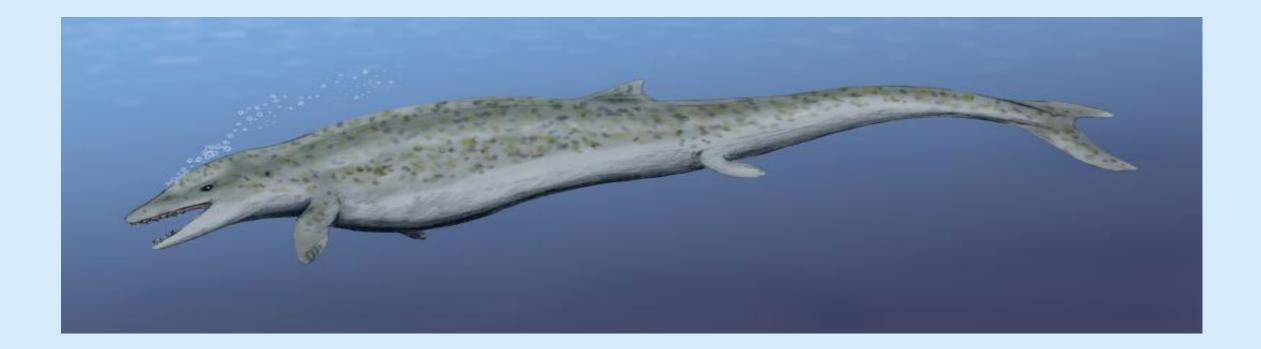
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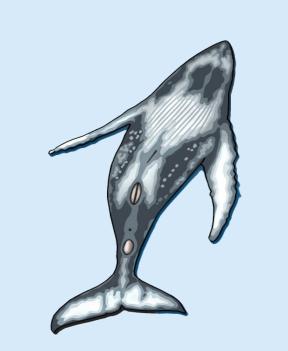
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From Sinonyx to Humpback Whale



Streamlined Body





Forelimbs Modified Into Flippers



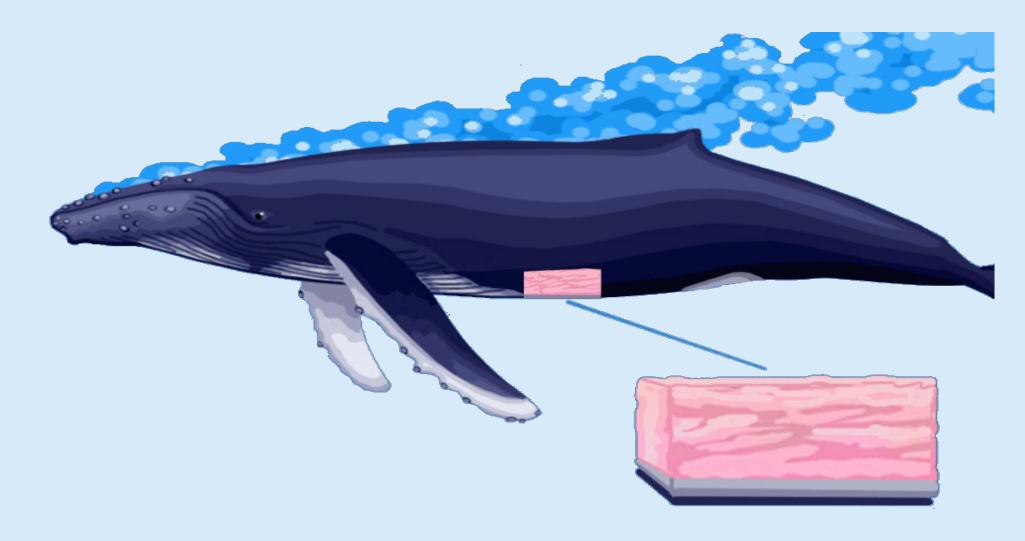
Tail Broadened Horizontally



Hind Limbs Disappeared Completely

Adaptations

Blubber Instead of Hair



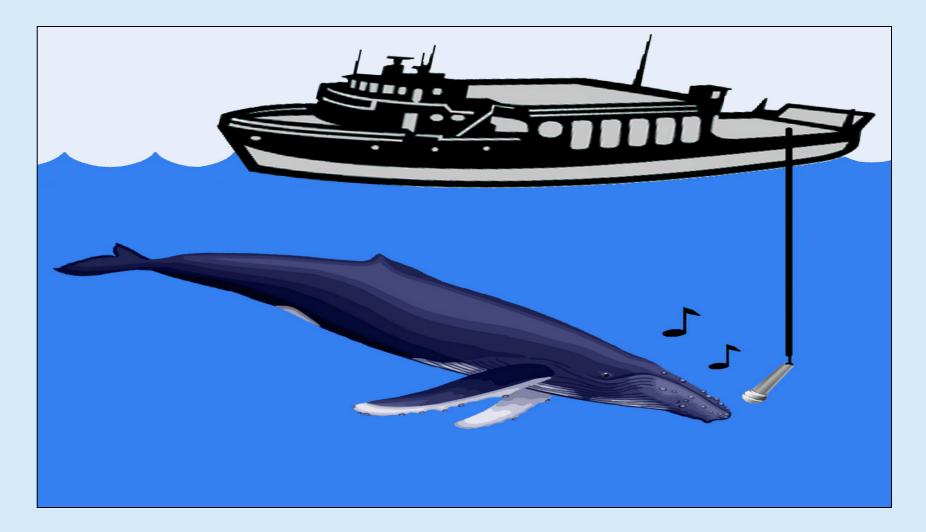
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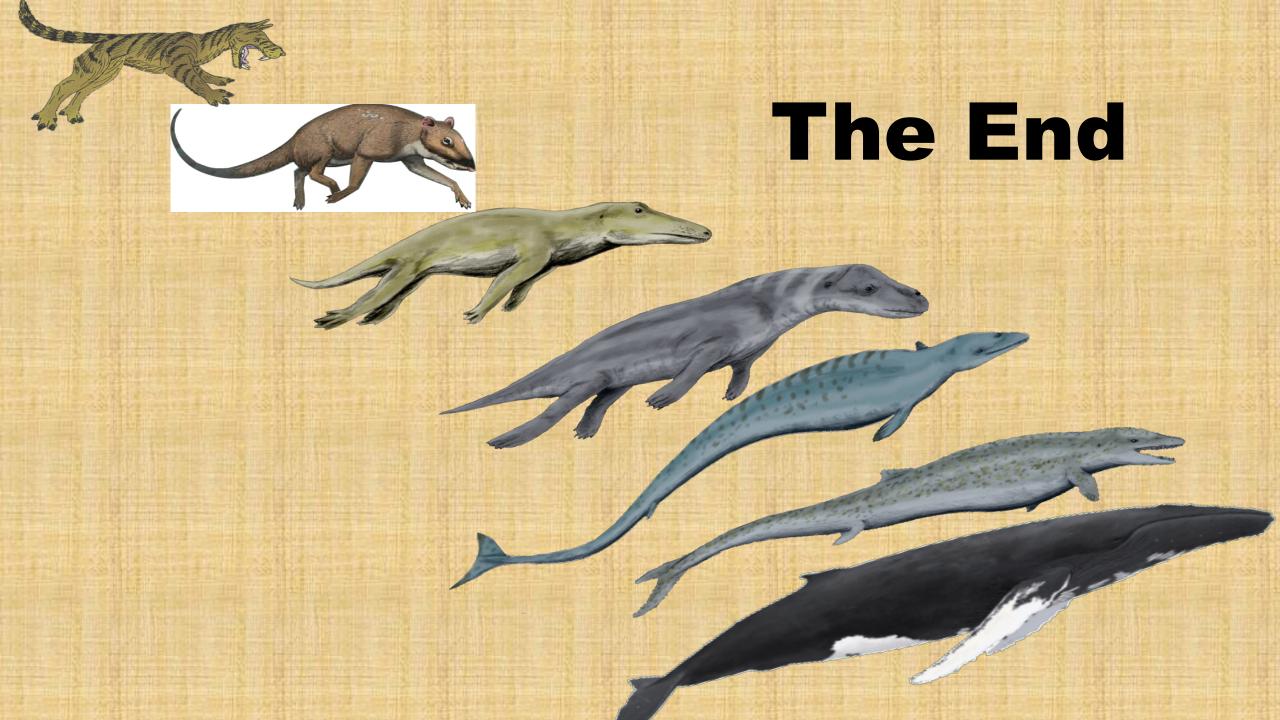
Nostrils on Top of Head



Adaptations

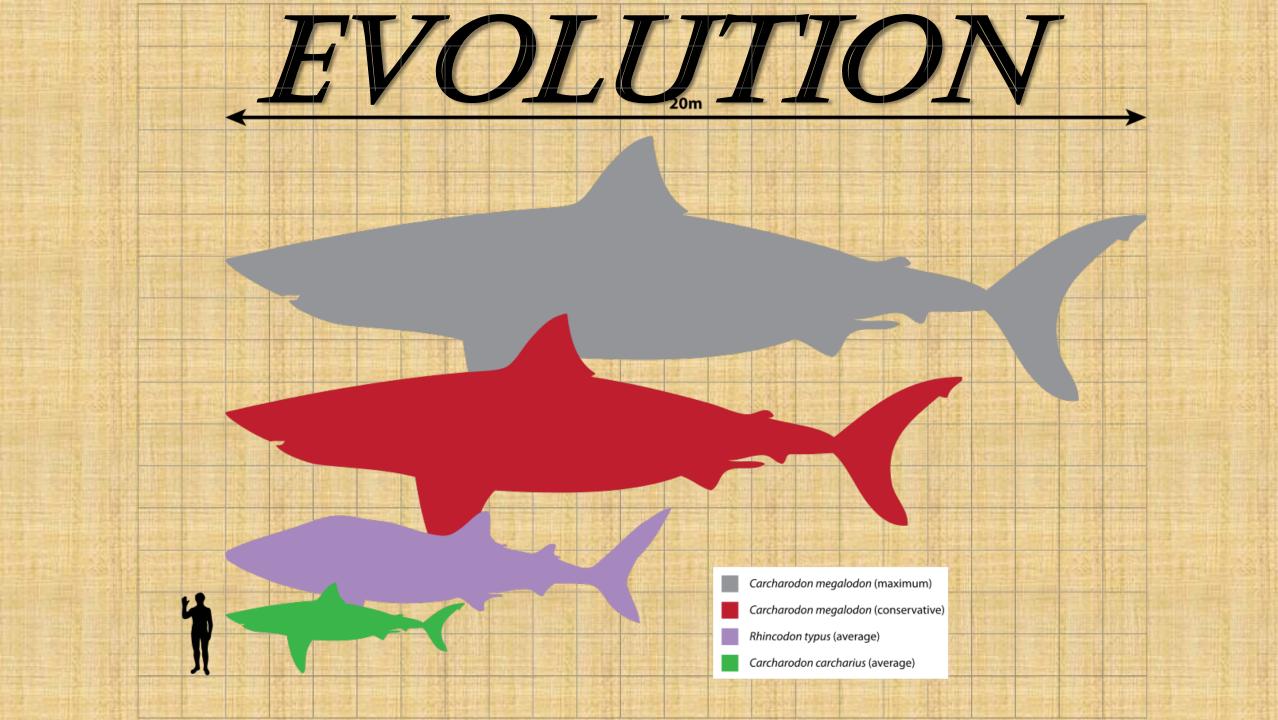
Highly Developed Hearing





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So what are some "living things" that have been around longer than dinosaurs that have NOT really evolved?



Genetic Drift

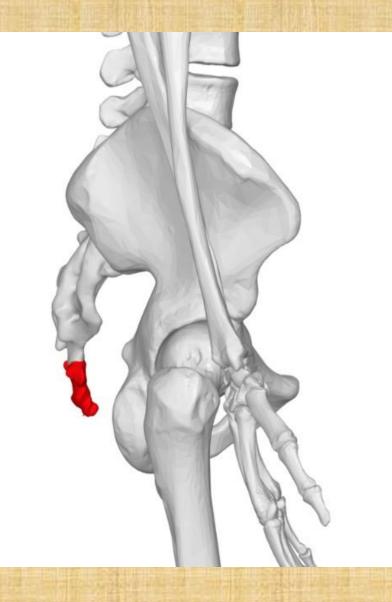
So what are some changes humans have undergone ?

mutation, and genetic drift.

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Tailbone

 Our tailbone is actually a group of fused vertebrae at the bottom of our spine. Also called the "Coccyx," these bones are what's left of our tails. No, really. We don't need them. Humans lost the need for tails when we learned to walk upright. It would be kinda cool to still have tails, but apparently the universe in it's infinite wisdom doesn't let evolution work on the basis of "you know what would be really cool?".



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Wisdom Teeth

• Wisdom Teeth were quite useful once upon a time, when humans had a more caveman-esque diet. However they aren't necessary now. Most people have them removed as they hurt quite a bit and can cause a whole host of issues, including migraines. However, evolution seems to be taking notes, and now some people are born without wisdom teeth! Yay!..

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• Extra Toes

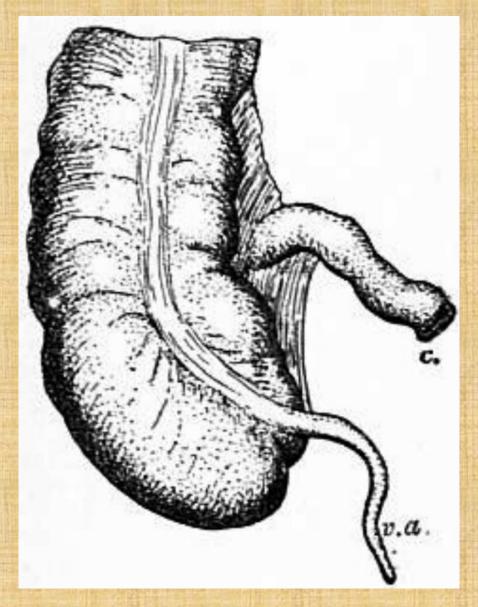
• We really don't need the 5th one (the "pinky toe") on account of walking upright and on the ground, instead of clinging to and swinging from branches. All lesser apes need 5 toes for these things. Having five full toes basically just lets us pick up dirty laundry off the floor. We could walk and run just fine with less than five.



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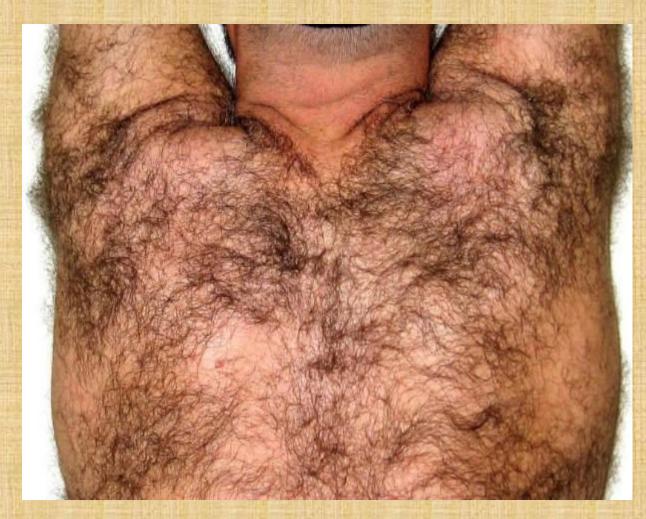
• The Appendix is currently useless because we no longer need it to digest high levels of cellulose. (We cook our food now! Which yes, decreases nutrients, but it makes the remaining nutrients more readily available to our body. Overall it's a win to cook your veggies.) Since we don't eat large amounts of raw plant matter, the appendix generally just gets infected and bursts, sometimes...



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• Body Hair

 We have explanations and uses for all the hair on our head - insulate our body temp, keep sweat out of our eyes...beards could even play a roll in sexual attraction. But what, exactly, is back and chest hair for? We don't really "need" body hair.



Genetic Drift

Other less known changes humans have undergone

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Tonsils

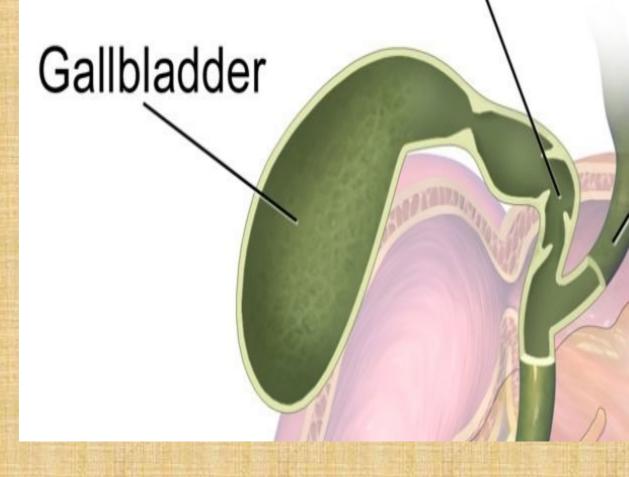
 Technically tonsils are lymph nodes, which in general are pretty darn important (if you like having a immune system). But Tonsils often get infected and inflamed so repeatedly that they just get removed. Many times they are just more trouble than they're worth. That we're aware of, no one has ever died due to lack of tonsils.



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Gallbladder

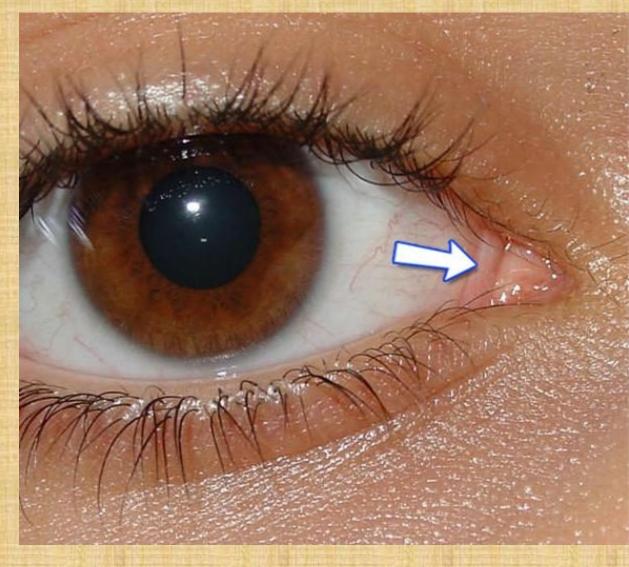
• The gallbladder is a pouch that holds bile (made by the liver) and slowly releases it into the digestive tract. It also makes painful stones and can cause problems from cancer (which spreads to necessary organs) and inflammation. Most people that have to have it removed don't notice much of a difference.



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Plica Semilunaris

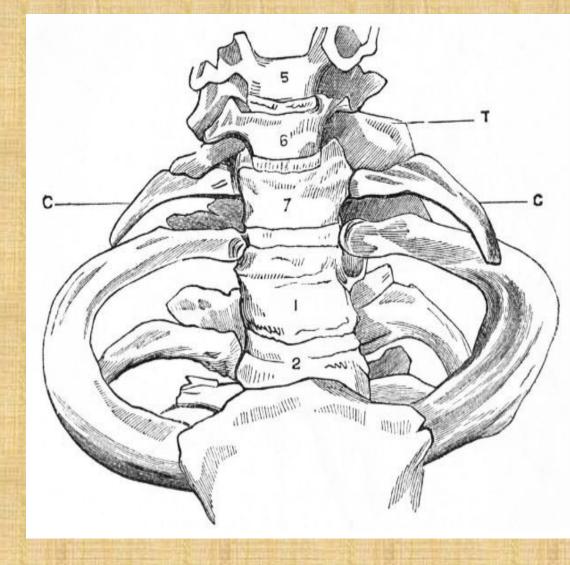
 Reptiles and birds have third eyelids, and humans just have...a tiny bit of one left in the corner of our eye that does nothing. It's called the Plica Semilunaris, and it hangs out next to the tear duct.



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Cervical Ribs

• Cervical ribs, located above the collarbone, occur in very few humans, but enough that it's a well known thing. Gorillas and Chimpanzees also have an extra set of ribs, instead of the standard 12 that most humans have. The extra set doesn't do anything, and most don't even know they have them; it could, however, cause neck pain in some people.



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Darwin's Point

 Some people have a small folded bit of skin towards the top of their ear. It's called Darwin's Point, and it's just a remnant of when our ears needed to be shaped differently for survival, as such a shape would've allowed us to hear distant sounds, alerting us to both danger and potential foods.



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Arrector Pili Muscles

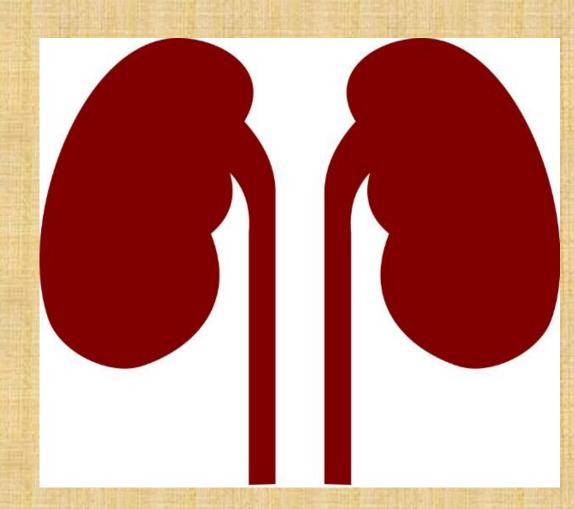
 These are tiny tiny muscles attached to our hair follicles. They're what gives us goosebumps by contracting in order to make the hair stand up. Yeah, we don't really need them.



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"Redundancy Organs"

 We have a lot of redundancy organs. So okay, technically they aren't useless, not even a little bit; they're actually quite awesome. But you can and could happily get by your whole life with one kidney, or only one ovary, or only one testicle. You only need one of these organs for them to perform their function. If you lose one, the other compensates.



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So let's define it!

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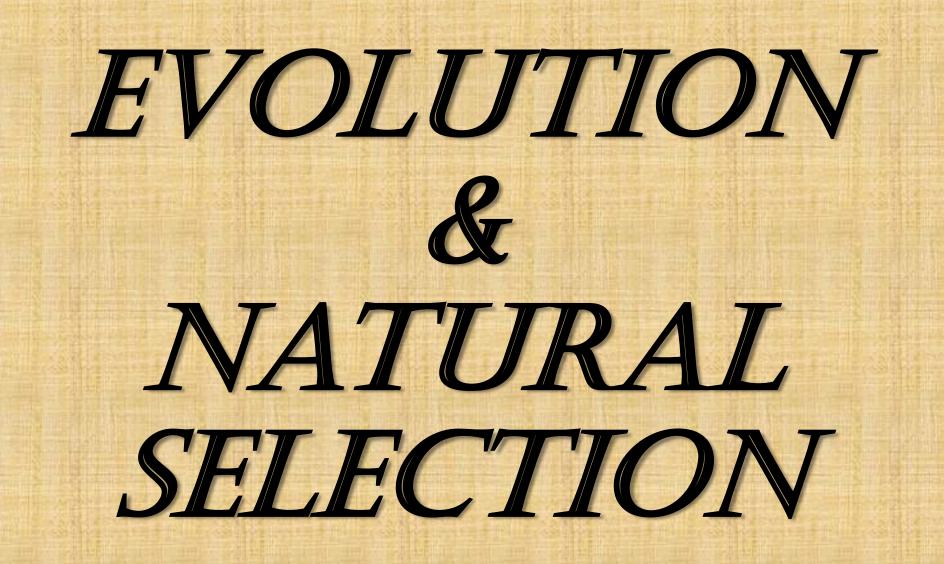
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a product of such development; something evolved: The exploration of space is the evolution of decades of research.



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- 2. a process of gradual, peaceful, progressive change or development, as in social or economic structure or institutions.

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DECENT WITH MODIFICATION

Is the <u>observable FACT</u> that when parents have <u>children</u>, those children often <u>look and behave slightly different</u> <u>than</u> their <u>parents</u>, and slightly different than each other.

They descend from their parents with modifications.

COMMON DECENT

Is the <u>idea that all life</u> on Earth <u>is related</u>. We <u>descended from a common ancestor</u> through the <u>gradual process of decent with</u> <u>modification</u> over many, many generations, <u>a single</u> original <u>species</u> is thought to have given rise to all the life we see today

There are two ways of thinking: **YOUR homework is to watch Two videos.** What is Natural Selection &

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Natural Selection - Crash Course Biology #14

CrashCourse

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Natural Selection

The (R)Evolution of Theory

The theory of **EVOLUTION** is one of the great intellectual revolutions of human history, drastically *changing* our perception of the world and of our place in it. <u>Charles Darwin put forth a</u> <u>coherent theory of evolution</u> and amassed a great body of evidence in support of this theory.

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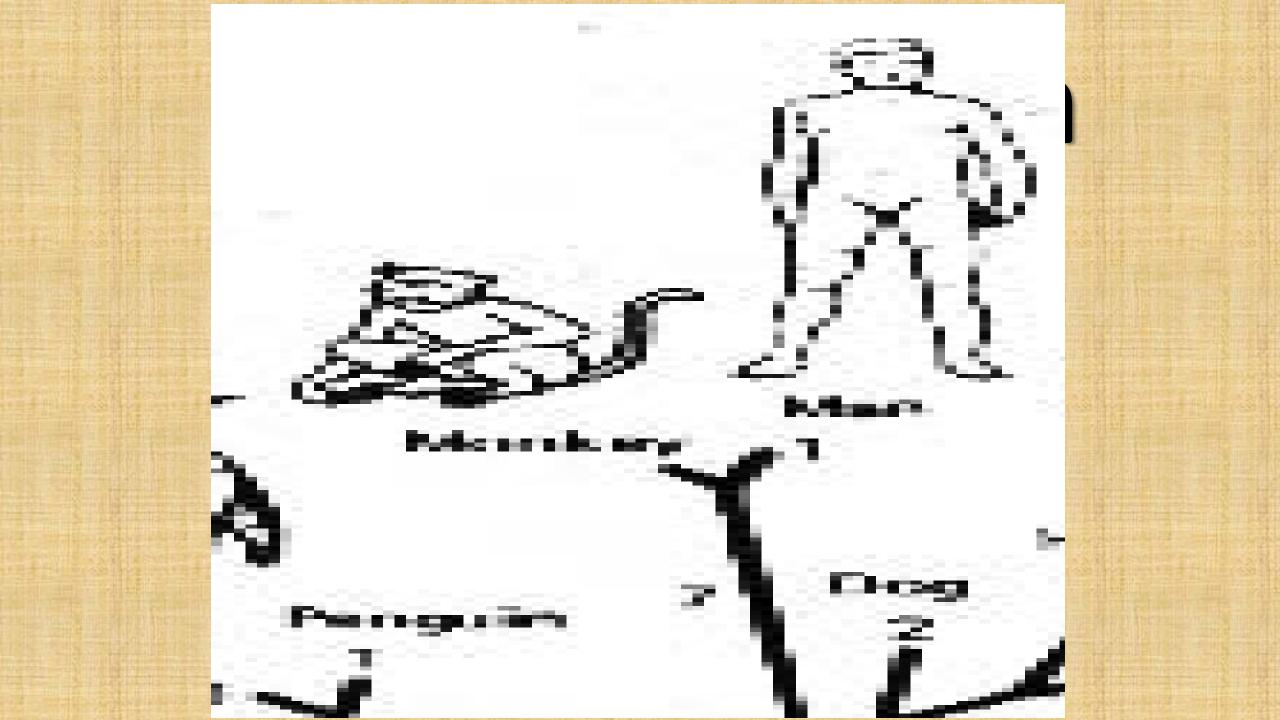
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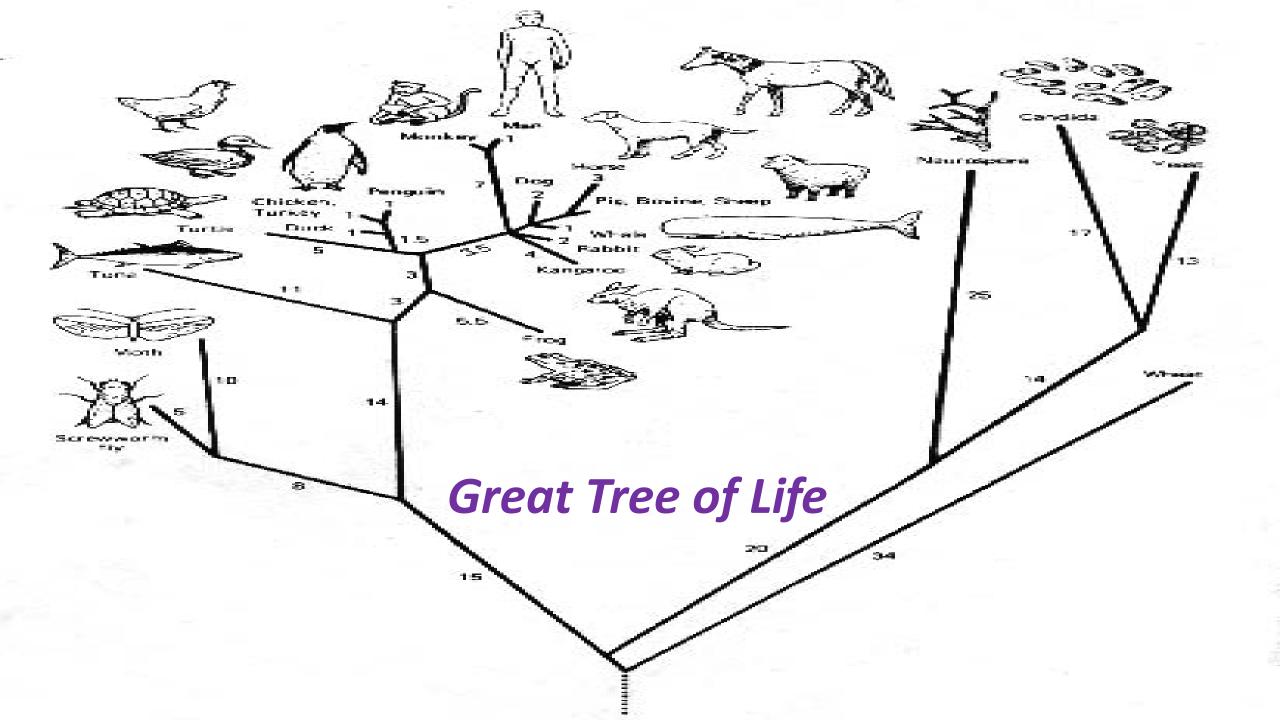
In Darwin's time, most <u>scientists</u> fully believed that each organism and each adaptation was the work of the creator.

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The (R)Evolution of Theory

In other words, <u>all of the similarities and</u> <u>dissimilarities among</u> groups of <u>organisms</u> that are the result of the branching process creating the **Great Tree of Life**





However, by the 19th Century, a <u>number of natural</u> <u>historians</u> were <u>beginning to think of evolutionary change</u> as an explanation for patterns observed in nature. The following ideas were part of the intellectual climate of Darwin's time.

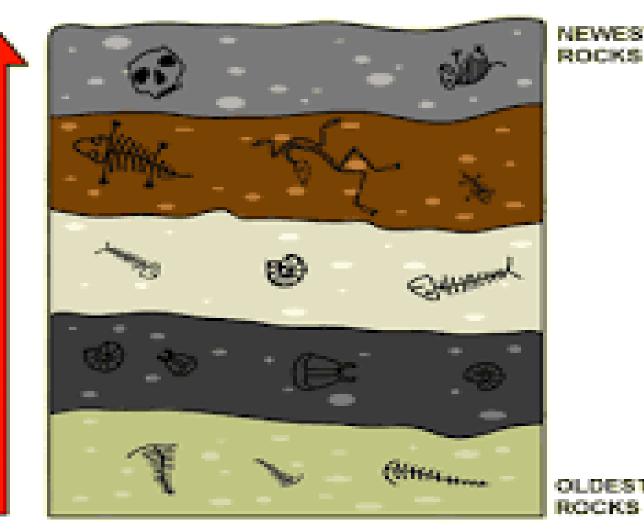


•No one knew how old the earth was, but geologists were beginning to make estimates that the earth was considerably older than explained by biblical creation. Geologists were learning more about <u>strata</u>, or layers formed by successive periods of the deposition of sediments.

•This suggested a time sequence, with <u>younger</u> strata overlying <u>older</u> strata.

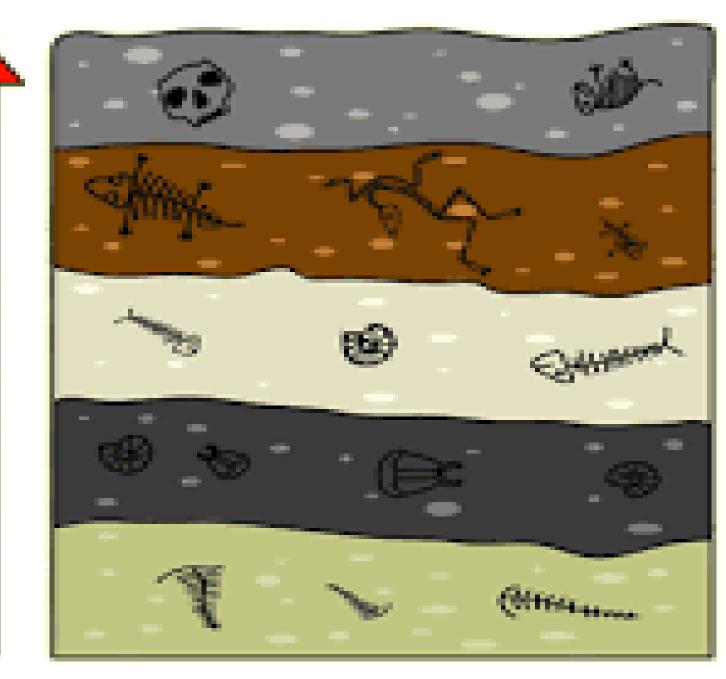
•<u>strata</u>, younger strata overlying older strata.

TIME



NEWEST ROCKS

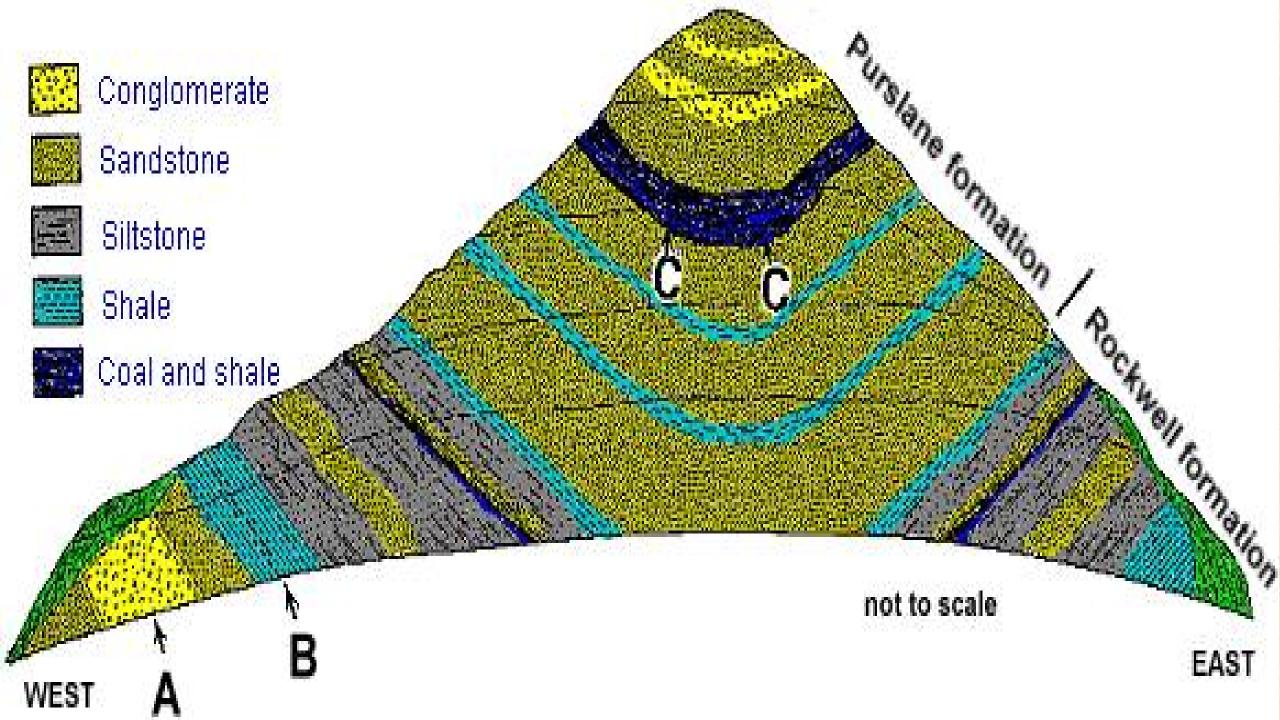






















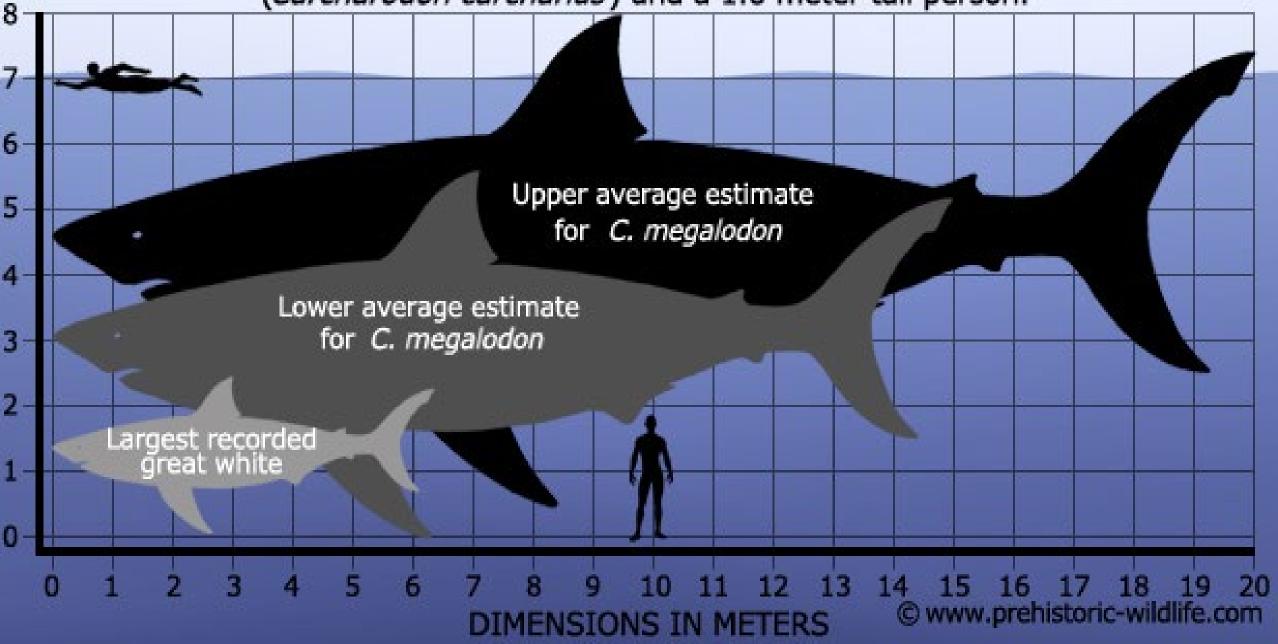


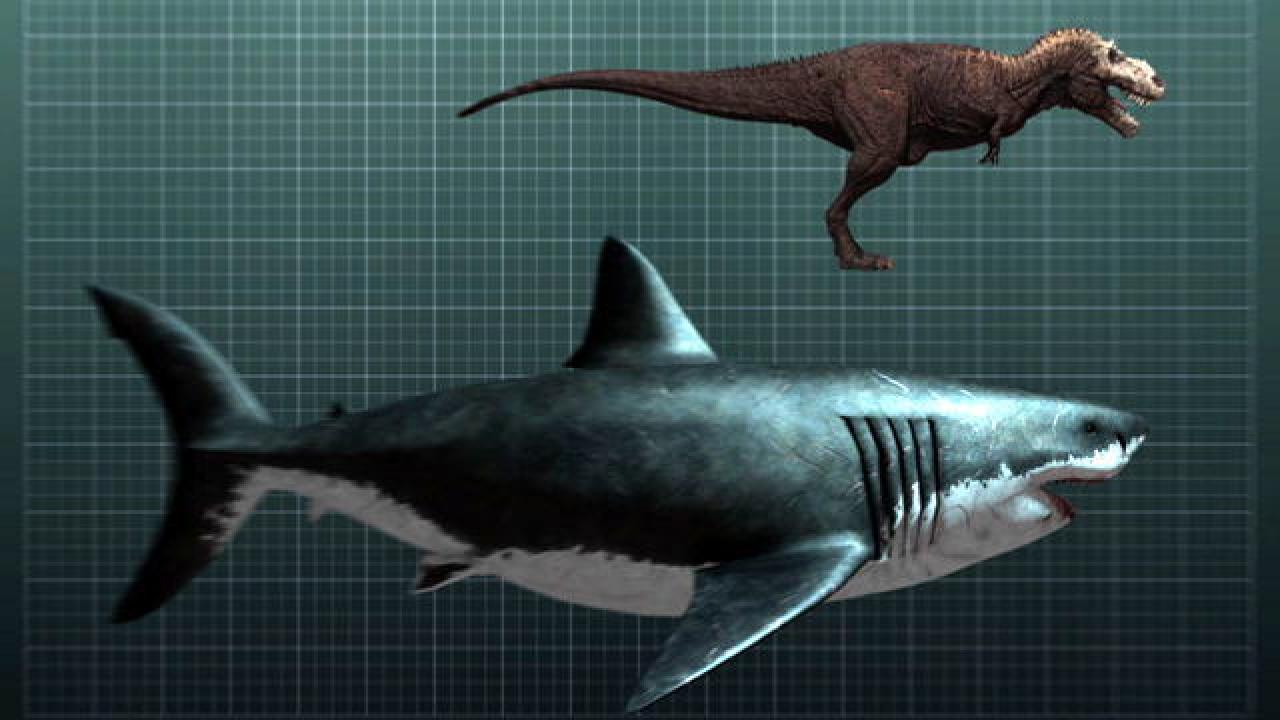
•A concept called uniformitarianism, due largely to the *influential geologist* Charles Lyell, undertook to decipher earth history under the working hypothesis that present conditions and processes are the key to the past, by investigating ongoing, observable processes such as erosion and the deposition of sediments.

 Discoveries of fossils were accumulating during the 18th and 19th centuries. At first naturalists thought they were finding remains of unknown but still living species. As fossil finds continued, however, it became apparent that nothing like giant dinosaurs was known from anywhere on the planet. Furthermore, as early as 1800, Cuvier pointed out that the deeper the strata, the less similar fossils were to existing species.



Estimates for *C. megalodon* compared with the largest recorded great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) and a 1.8 meter tall person.







•Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (1744-1829) is the most famous of these. In 1801, he proposed organic evolution as the explanation for the physical similarity among groups of organisms, and proposed a mechanism for adaptive change based on the inheritance of acquired characteristics.

•He wrote of the giraffe:

"We know that this animal, the tallest of mammals, dwells in the interior of Africa, in places where the soil, almost always arid and without herbage, obliges it to browse on trees and to strain itself continuously to reach them. This habit sustained for long, has had the result in all members of its race that the forelegs have grown longer than the hind legs and that its neck has become so stretched, that the giraffe, without standing on its hind legs, lifts its head to a height of six meters."

•Similarities among groups of organisms were considered evidence of relatedness, which in turn suggested evolutionary change. Darwin's intellectual predecessors accepted the idea of evolutionary relationships among organisms, but they could not provide a satisfactory explanation for how evolution occurred.

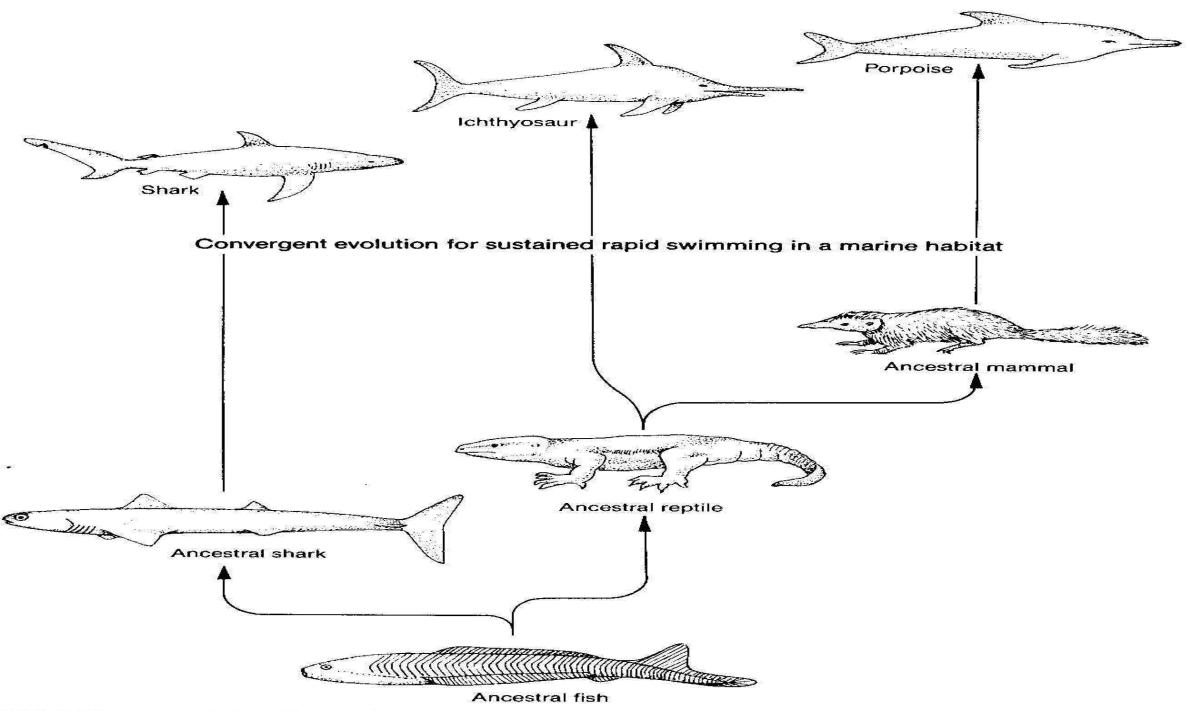
In essence, this says that the necks of Giraffes became long as a result of continually <u>stretching</u> to reach <u>high</u> foliage.

Larmarck was incorrect in the hypothesized mechanism, of course, but his example makes clear that naturalists were thinking about the possibility of evolutionary change in the early 1800's.

•Darwin was influenced by observations made during his youthful voyage as naturalist on the survey ship <u>Beagle</u>. On the <u>Galapagos Islands</u> he noticed the slight variations that made tortoises from different islands recognizably distinct. He also observed a whole array of unique finches, the famous "Darwin's finches," that exhibited slight differences from island to island.

•In addition, they all appeared to resemble, but differ from, the common finch on the mainland of Ecuador, 600 miles to the east. Patterns in the distribution and similarity of organisms had an important influence of Darwin's thinking.

 In 1859, Darwin published his famous On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, a tome of over 500 pages that marshalled extensive evidence for his theory.
Publication of the book caused a furor - every copy of the book was sold the day that it was released. Members of the religious community, as well as some scientific peers, were outraged by Darwin's ideas and protested.



•Most scientists, however, recognized the power of Darwin's arguments. Today, school boards still debate the validity and suitability of Darwin's theory in science curricula, and a whole body of debate has grown up around the <u>controversy</u> We do not have time to cover all of Darwin's evidence and arguments, but we can examine the core ideas. What does this theory of evolution say?



Darwin's Theory

Darwin's theory of evolution entails the following fundamental ideas. The first three ideas were already under discussion among earlier and contemporaneous naturalists working on the "species problem" as Darwin began his research. Darwin's original contributions were the mechanism of natural selection and copious amounts of evidence for evolutionary change from many sources. He also provided thoughtful explanations of the consequences of evolution for our understanding of the history of life and modern biological diversity.

Natural Selection •Biodiversity: The variety and

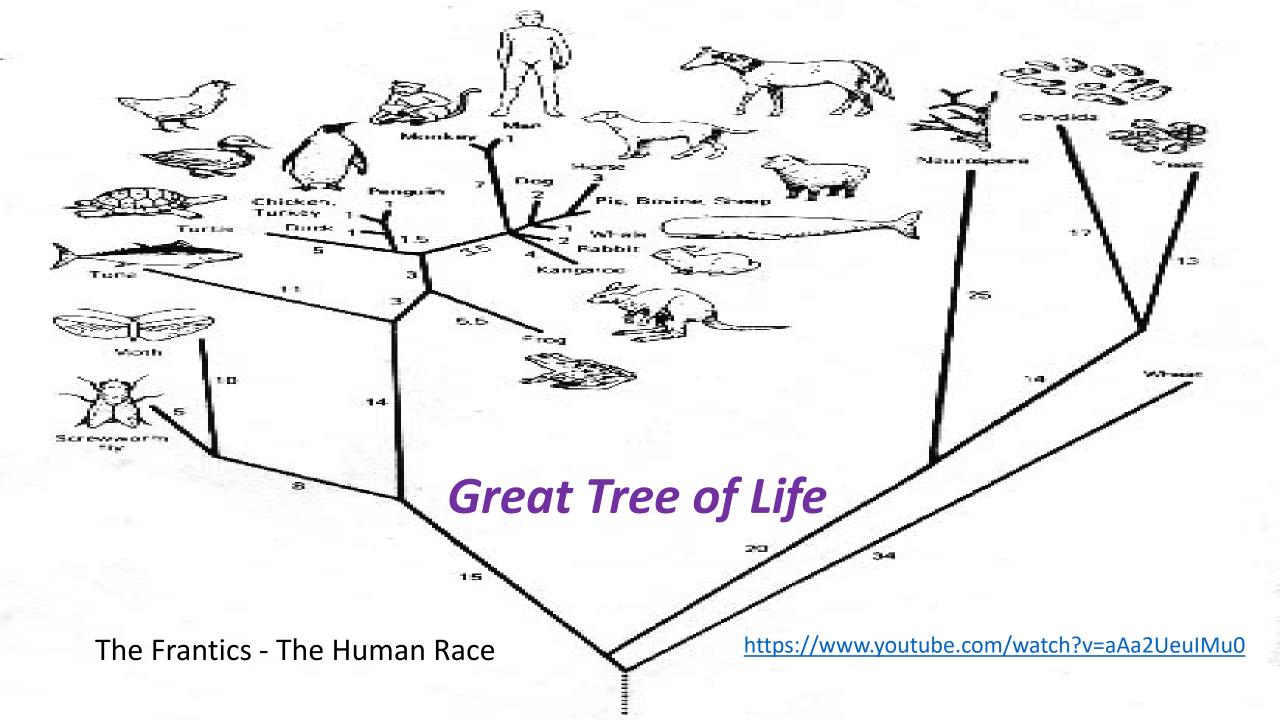
complexity of life on Earth.

Darwin's Theory

 Species (populations of interbreeding) organisms) change over time and space. The representatives of species living today differ from those that lived in the recent past, and populations in different geographic regions today differ slightly in form or behavior. These differences extend into the fossil record, which provides ample support for this claim.

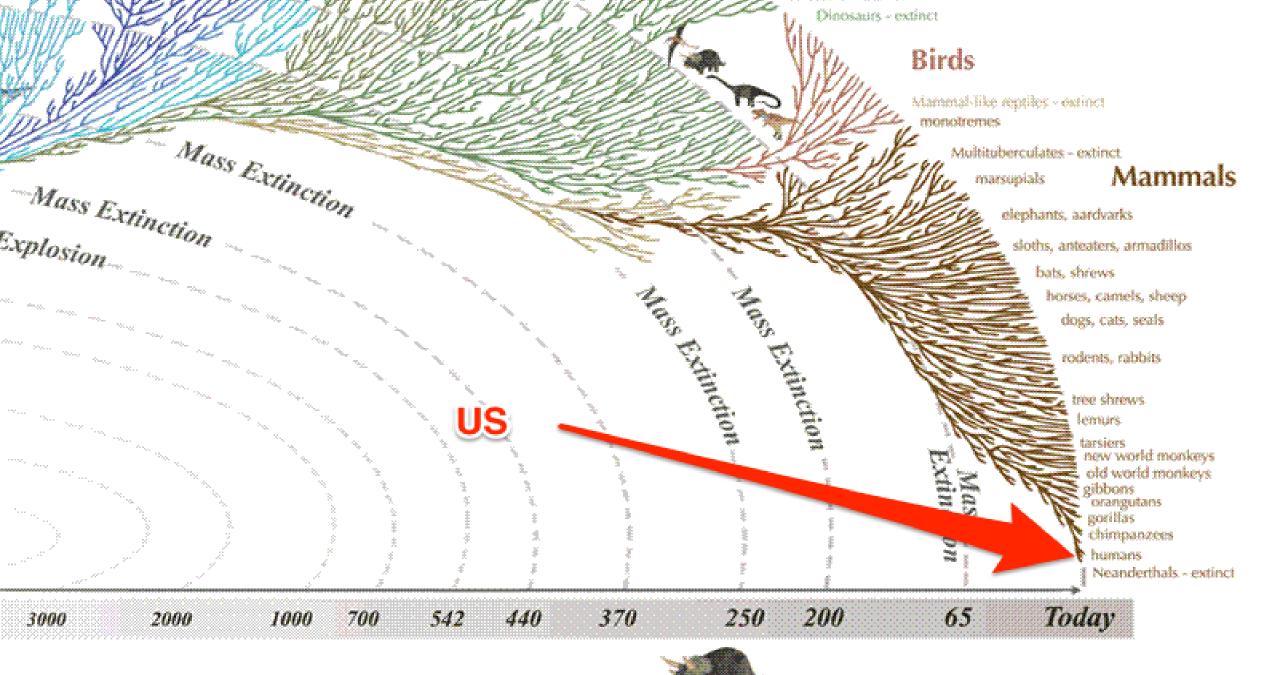
Darwin's Theory

•All organisms share common ancestors with other organisms. Over time, populations may divide into different species, which share a common ancestral population. Far enough back in time, any pair of organisms shares a common ancestor. For example, humans shared a common ancestor with chimpanzees about eight million years ago, with whales about 60 million years ago, and with kangaroos over 100 million years ago. Shared ancestry explains the similarities of organisms that are classified together: their similarities reflect the inheritance of traits from a common ancestor.



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Darwin's Theory

• Evolutionary change is gradual and slow in Darwin's view. This claim was supported by the long episodes of gradual change in organisms in the fossil record and the fact that no naturalist had observed the sudden appearance of a new species in Darwin's time. Since then, biologists and paleontologists have documented a broad spectrum of slow to rapid rates of evolutionary change within lineages.

 Evolution: The process whereby new species arise from earlier species by accumulated changes. Often referred to as "descent with modification."

Natural Selection Natural Selection: The process by which individuals in a population inherit genes that allow them to survive and be reproductively successful.

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The Process of Natural Selection Darwin's process of natural selection has four components. 2.<u>Inheritance</u>. Some traits are consistently passed on from parent to offspring. Such traits are heritable, whereas other traits are strongly influenced by environmental conditions and show weak heritability.

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"Deer season"

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The Process of Natural Selection From one generation to the next, the struggle for resources (what Darwin called the "struggle for existence") will favor individuals with some variations over others and thereby change the frequency of traits within the population. This process is natural selection. The traits that confer an advantage to those individuals who leave more offspring are called *adaptations*.

•<u>Adaptation</u>: A change in an organism over time that helps it to survive in its environment.

Katydid from Costa Rica



 This image shows a representative sequence, but should not be construed to represent a "straight-line" evolution of the horse. Reconstruction, left forefoot skeleton (third digit emphasized yellow) and longitudinal section of molars of selected prehistoric horses

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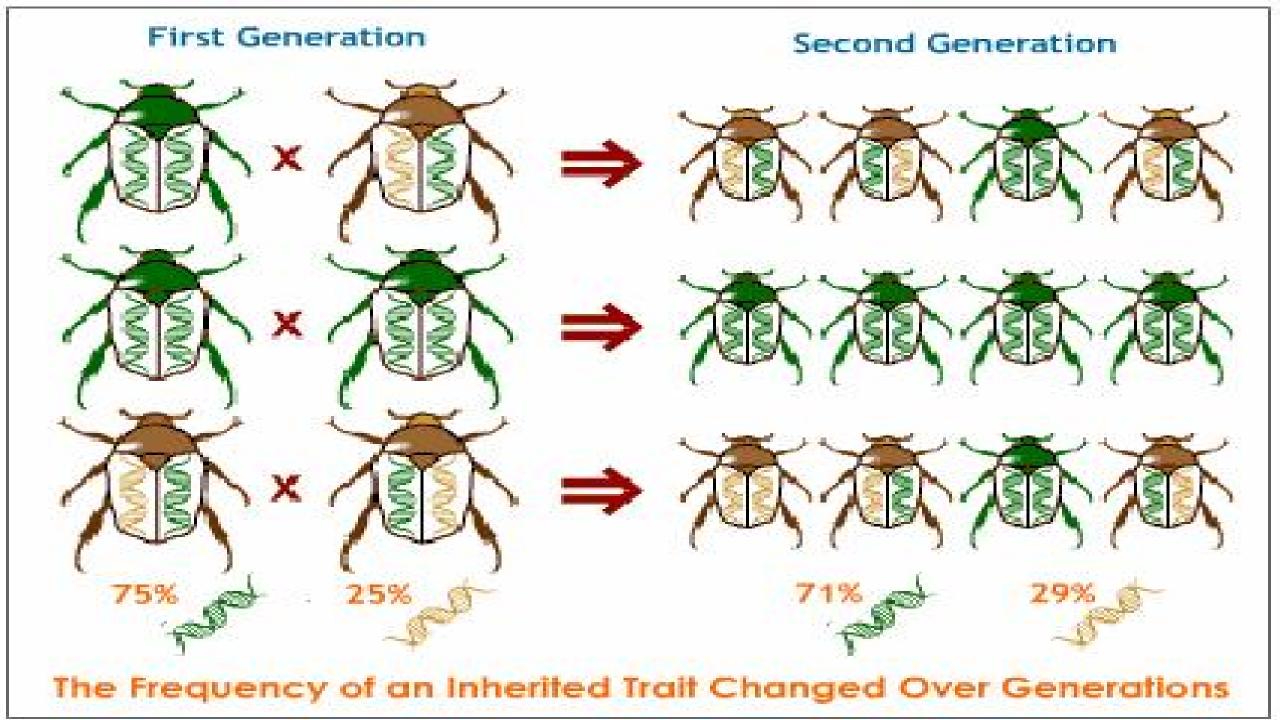
The Process of Natural Selection In order for natural selection to operate on a trait, the trait must possess heritable variation and must confer an advantage in the competition for resources. If one of these requirements does not occur, then the trait does not experience natural selection. (We now know that such traits may change by other evolutionary mechanisms that have been discovered since Darwin's time.)

Natural selection operates by <u>comparative advantage</u>, not an absolute standard of design. "...as natural selection acts by competition for resources, it adapts the inhabitants of each country only in relation to the degree of perfection of their associates" (Charles Darwin, On the Origin of Species, 1859).

During the twentieth century, genetics was integrated with Darwin's mechanism, allowing us to evaluate natural selection as the differential survival and reproduction of genotypes, corresponding to particular phenotypes.

Natural selection can only work on existing variation within a <u>population</u>. Such variations arise by mutation, a change in some part of the genetic code for a trait. Mutations arise by chance and without foresight for the potential advantage or disadvantage of the mutation. In other words, variations do not arise because they are needed.

 Variation: Differences in individual living things from each other.



Natural Selection •Fitness: The ability of a living thing to survive and reproduce in its environment.







 Structural-body structure (example: porcupine's quills)

 Camouflage: Appearance that is designed for hiding in the environment.





•Competition: Living things striving for food, living space, mates, and other resources.

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Natural Selection Functional- the way body functions are carried out. (example: how we use our lungs to breathe.)



Natural Selection Behavioral- how living things react to the environment. (example: how wolves hunt in packs.)



Summary

Darwin's theory of evolution fundamentally changed the direction of future scientific thought, though it was built on a growing body of thought that began to question prior ideas about the natural world.



Summary

The core of Darwin's theory is natural selection, a process that occurs over successive generations and is defined as the differential reproduction of genotypes.



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Natural selection requires heritable variation in a given trait, and differential survival and reproduction associated with possession of that trait.

Examples of natural selection are well-documented, both by observation and through the fossil record. Selection acts on the frequency of traits, and can take the form of stabilizing, directional, or diversifying selection

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