

Evolution

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Fact 5!

All animals are descended from sea creatures.

Some variations are advantageous and gives more chance for it to survive and keep reproducing.

One type of animal can descend from another type of animal.

Sometimes, part of a population will develop different variations, eventually forming a new species

Ancient Greek philosophers use to think animals were imperfect and one day they will be perfect.

Haplorrhini

Cebidae

Hylobatidae

Hominidae



monkey



gibbon



orangutan

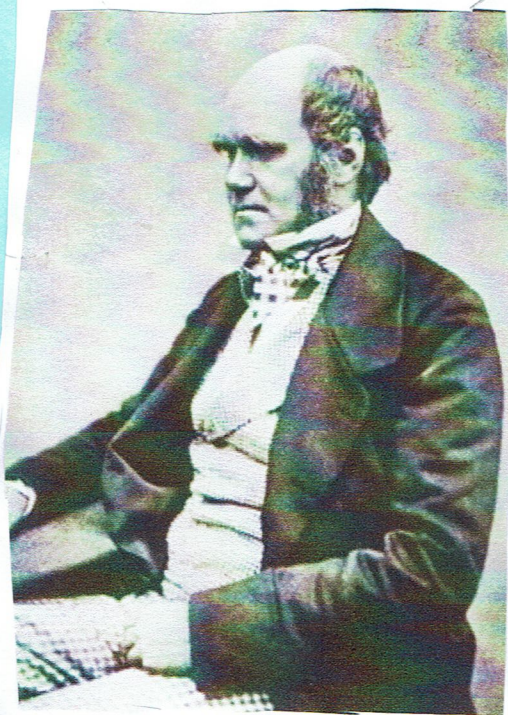


human

Suborder

Family

Species



Charles Darwin

Birth: 12th February 1809

Death: 19th April 1882

Charles Darwin's work revolutionised evolutionary thought.

In the mid-nineteenth century 'on the origin of species' was published. This book described his experiences studying species in the Galapagos Islands helped him explain natural selection.

Carl Linnaeus

Birth: 23rd May 1707

Death: 10th January 1778

Carl Linnaeus was a biologist and shaped our understanding of the process of evolution.



He found that living things shared certain characteristics. For example having four limbs or giving birth to live offspring. His system for categorising species is still used today.