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Darwin's Influences

People

James Hutton	Earth is very old; geological change occurs gradually	
Charles Lyell	Earth is very old; Earth's changes occurs at constant rate	

Galapagos Islands

Variation	Adaptations	Fossil & geologic evidence
Differences in physical	Features allowing organisms to	Fossilized species changed over time
traits	survive better in environment	All modern organisms related to the fossils
variations well-suited to	finch beaks changed based on	Earth very old
environment	food source	Organisms change gradually over time

Breeding

Artificial selection	Humans change a species by breeding it for certain traits (eg dog breeds)

Theory of Natural Selection

Environment is selective agent	
organisms better fit to survive in environment reproduce more	
more organisms with this trait survive and pass on trait	
species gradually changes to become most fit to environment	

Principles

Variation	Population variations (random differences) are basis for natural selection
Overproduction	Organisms produce more offspring than will survive to create competition
Adaptation	Some adaptations allow organisms to survive at higher rate, so individuals
	are "naturally selected" to survive and produce more offspring
Descent with modification over time, organism traits are modified	
	natural selection results in species with adaptations well-suited for survival

Important Factors

Fitness	How suited to the environment an organism is and how well it survives Measure of ability to survive and produce more offspring relative to other
	members of a population (not necessarily physical strength)
Natural selection Not based on structure of genetic material, based on fitness of physical traits	
acts on phenotypes As environment changes, different traits become beneficial	

Evidence of Evolution

Fossils	Show gradual change of organisms over time, supporting descent w/ modification	
Geography	Finches on islands similar to mainland, but new traits developed on different islands	
	Traits = adaptations in diets, habits, and beak shapes to become fit to environment	
Embryology	Similarities in embryos shows relationships btwn organisms and common ancestor	
Anatomy	Comparing body parts of different species (see Anatomical Structures)	
Molecular	DNA sequence analysis: closely related organisms have more similar DNA	
& genetic	Pseudogenes: genes no longer function, organisms similarities suggest common ancestor	
evidence	Protein comparisons: similarities in proteins = common ancestor	

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Anatomical Structures (see Anatomy)

homologous structures	analogous structures	vestigial structures
similar structure, different	similar function,	structures/organs often reduced in size that
functions	different origin	seem to lack any useful function
Suggest common ancestor	evolved independently	Had function in early ancestor
eg human legs and whale	possibly different	Eg appendix, ostrich wings, muscles to move
fins have similar structure	structure: eg bat and	ears, remains of front legs on whales,
	insect wings	goosebumps

Labs

Peppered Moths

Insularia	Moths w/ more dark spots than average moth
Industrial revolution	Time period when factories built that ran on burning coal for fuel
Industrial melanism	moths darkened in a short time to blend with polluted forests
What caused different moth	Random genetic mutations in a single moth's DNA that lived longer to
colors?	reproduce and pass DNA to its offspring
Why did dark moths have a	Blended in with dark, polluted forests, so made it harder for predators to
survival advantage?	spot and eat them