



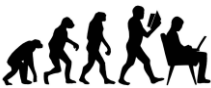









Vocabulary Organiser - Evolution

Charles Darwin		A British naturalist who proposed the theory of biological evolution by natural selection. Darwin defined evolution as "descent with modification," the idea that species change over time, give rise to new species, and share a common ancestor.
naturalist		An expert in or student of natural history.
origin		The point or place where something begins, arises, or is derived.
species		a group of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of exchanging genes or interbreeding.
evolution		The process by which different kinds of living organism are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the earth.
theory		A belief or a system of ideas intended to explain something, especially one based on general principles independent of the thing to be explained.
natural selection		The process whereby organisms better adapted to their environment tend to survive and produce more offspring.
common ancestor		An ancestor (an early type of animal or plant from which others have evolved) that two or more descendants have in common.
controversy		Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion.
archipelago		An extensive group of islands.
unique		Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.
environment		The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.