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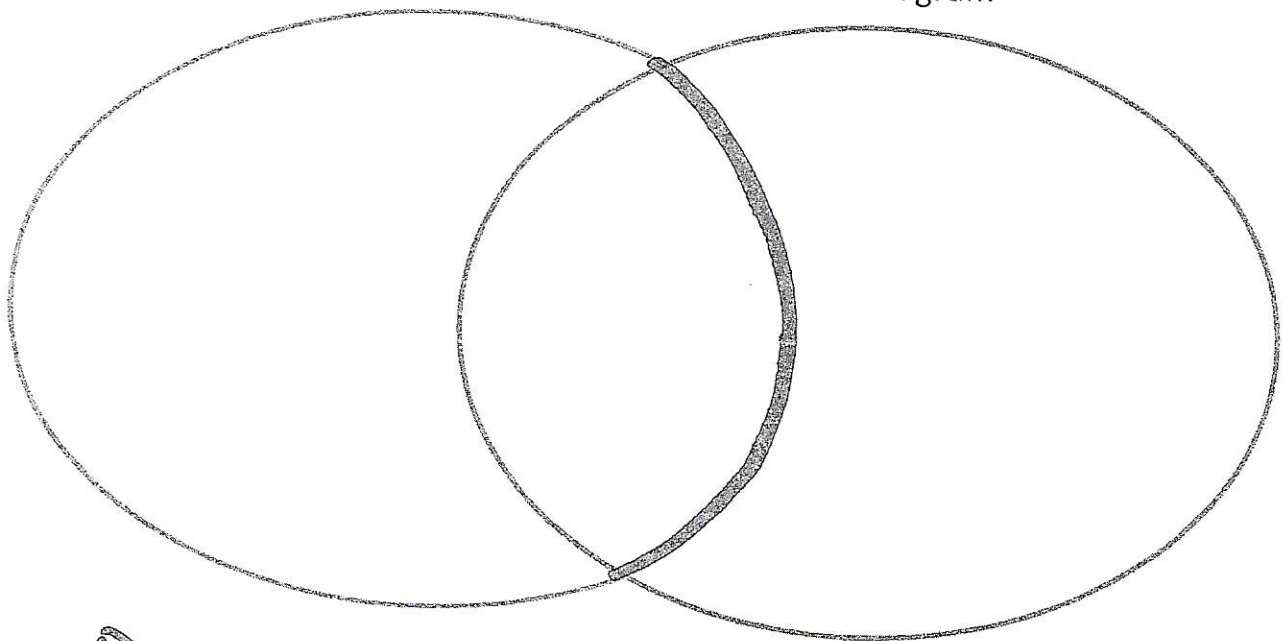
Charles Darwin studied many different species while traveling on the HMS Beagle exploring the Galapagos Islands off the west coast of South America around 1830. He noticed that members of the same species had different characteristics "variations" on different islands. After years of analyzing data, he concluded species do change over time "evolve" based on their environment.

Members of species with the best adaptations will likely live longer, reproduce and therefore pass on those favorable adaptations to their offspring through their DNA. He called his theory evolution by natural selection, also known as "survival of the fittest." This theory is widely accepted today.

There was another scientist studying how species evolve too. Jean Baptiste de Lamarck proposed a different theory to explain how species evolve. He thought skills and traits developed during a lifetime would get passed to their offspring. His incorrect theory was known as "hypothesis of acquired traits." We know only traits written in our DNA are passed from one generation to the next. If the trait is not written in the DNA it will not get passed on to the next generation.

Directions:

Compare and contrast Darwin and Lamarck in the Venn diagram



Darwin



Lamarck



1. What was Charles Darwin's main contribution to science?

- a. He was the first person to think of the idea of evolution
- b. He developed the modern theory of evolution
- c. He refuted the modern theory of evolution
- d. He was the first person to actually witness animals evolving

2. What term would best describe Charles Darwin's decision to sail aboard the HMS Beagle?

- a. Unlucky
- b. Serendipitous
- c. Wretched
- d. Uneventful

3. What was the mission that led Darwin's boat to sea?

- a. Discovering proof of evolution
- b. Claiming South American land for Great Britain
- c. Looking for South American gold deposits
- d. Mapping the South American coastline

4. What is an inherited trait? - *Genetics*

- a. A characteristic determined by an organism's genes
- b. A skill that's developed through practice
- c. An organism's place in the food web
- d. An organism's relationship to its parents

5. Which of these is an opinion about Darwin?

- a. He waited a long time to publish "On the Origin of Species"
- b. "On the Origin of Species" is a poorly-written book
- c. "On the Origin of Species" was controversial when it was published
- d. "On the Origin of Species" had both critics and supporters

7. When is a trait most likely to be passed on to the next generation? Choose the best answer.

- a. When it serves no purpose to the organism
- b. When it prevents the organism from finding a mate
- c. When it gives the organism an abundant supply of water
- d. When it becomes an advantage to the organism's survival

8. In what major way did Darwin's ideas diverge from Lamarck's?

- a. Lamarck thought changes to an individual animal during its lifetime would be passed on to offspring
- b. Lamarck believed that environmental pressures drove evolution
- c. Lamarck thought that animals would not have had time to evolve in Earth's short history
- d. Lamarck did not believe that species could change over time

9. What can you infer from the fact that Darwin studied theology (religion) before dedicating the rest of his life to science?

- a. He didn't like his theology professors at school
- b. Theology didn't captivate his mind the same way science did
- c. He thought that no one should study theology
- d. He remained deeply religious throughout his life

10. Which is the most likely evolutionary response of birds to a food supply of insects living in deep, narrow tunnels?

- a. Birds get smaller with each generation, until they can fit inside the tunnels.
- b. Birds learn to plug up the tunnels, forcing the insects to the surface for air.
- c. Birds begin eating bark and leaves instead.
- d. Birds' beaks get progressively longer and thinner with each generation.

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The Galapagos Islands are where Charles Darwin:

- a. Wrote *On the Origin of Species*
- b. Studied unusual animals
- c. Was exiled after his theories proved unpopular
- d. Was born and raised

2. The beaks of finches found on various Galapagos Islands differed based on:

- a. The size of their island
- b. The length of their wings
- c. The available food supply
- d. The predators that hunted them

3. What is a common ancestor?

- a. An animal that has a lot of offspring.
- b. An animal from which two or more different species evolved.
- c. An animal that is related to many other species.
- d. An animal that's good at escaping from predators.

What is least likely to be an example of a variation within a species?

- a. Birth weight
- b. Hair color
- c. Number of offspring
- d. Number of limbs

5. Which of the following is an example of an environmental pressure?

- a. The air pressure in the atmosphere
- b. Breeding between two members of the same species
- c. A lake that's gradually running out of water
- d. A fight between two members of the same species

6. In the phrase "survival of the fittest," the term "fittest" refers to:

- a. The best-adapted organisms
- b. The biggest organisms
- c. The smartest organisms
- d. The fastest organisms

7. Which variation would be most likely to benefit any organism, regardless of environment?

- a. The ability to produce energy more efficiently.
- b. The ability to swim deeper.
- c. Markings that help it blend into its background.
- d. Bigger claws and teeth

8. When nature "selects" a variation, that means that the trait:

- a. Gets passed along from generation to generation
- b. Causes the population to shrink
- c. Has brought about a new species
- d. Helps prey escape predators

9. Dogs are an example of:

- a. A common ancestor
- b. Selective breeding
- c. The natural pace of evolution
- d. Extinction rates rising

10. On Darwin's tree of life, organisms at the base of a branch:

- a. Go extinct from environmental pressures.
- b. Evolve into the closest species on the tree's trunk.
- c. Give rise to species farther down the branch.
- d. Are less fit than species in the middle of a branch.

Evolution by Natural Selection Test

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. Charles Darwin explained how species evolve using the theory of...
 - a. Randomness
 - b. Natural Selection
 - c. Camouflage
 - d. Inheritance of acquired traits

- _____ 2. Adaptation is ...
 - a. a group of organisms that share similar characteristics
 - b. a structure that doesn't seem to have an function
 - c. any variation that makes an organism better suited for it's environment
 - d. the scientist who developed the theory of evolution

- _____ 3. Evolution is ...
 - a. a group of organisms that share similar characteristics and can reproduce among themselves
 - b. a structure that doesn't seem to have a function
 - c. is an inherited trait that makes an individual different from other members of its species
 - d. changes in inherited characteristics over time

- _____ 4. Variation is...
 - a. is an inherited trait that makes an individual different from other members of its species
 - b. the model that describes evolution as a slow gradual process
 - c. the model that describes evolution as a rapid event due to mutations of a few genes
 - d. is any variation that makes an organism better suited for it's environment

- _____ 5. Jean Baptiste de Lamarck attempted to explain how species evolve using the theory of even though he was incorrect.
 - a. Mutations
 - b. Natural Selection
 - c. Camouflage
 - d. Inheritance of acquired traits

- _____ 6. Species is ...
 - a. is an inherited trait that makes an individual different from other members of its species
 - b. a group of organisms that share similar characteristics and can reproduce among themselves
 - c. is any variation that makes an organism better suited to it's environment
 - d. changes in a species over time

- _____ 7. What is the significance of the Galapagos Islands to the theory of evolution...
 - a. It's where Darwin was born and raised
 - b. It's where Darwin studied unusual animals
 - c. It's where Darwin was exiled after his theories about evolution proved unpopular
 - d. It's where Darwin wrote his book "On the Origin of Species"

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- _____ 8. What trait best determines whether two animals belong to the same species?
- a. The environment they live in
 - b. Their physical appearance
 - c. Their ability to breed with one another and have similar DNA
 - d. Their evolutionary relationship to humans
- _____ 9. Which of the following is an environmental pressure?
- a. A lake that is running out of water
 - b. The air pressure in the atmosphere
 - c. When there is plenty of food and water for all animals
 - d. A fight between two members of the same species
- _____ 10. Which of the following is an example of an adaptation?
- a. A chameleon's extremely long tongue to help it hunt
 - b. A frog's green skin which acts as camouflage to hide from predators
 - c. A camel's hump which is used to store water
 - d. All of the above
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- _____ 12. How are camels especially suited to their environment?
- a. Their eyelashes make them look attractive
 - b. They're able to go without water for long period of time during droughts
 - c. They get along well with other members of their species
 - d. The hump doesn't help them
- _____ 13. Which of the following is most likely a favorable mutation?
- a. A mutation that makes a rabbit able to run faster
 - b. A mutation that changes a rabbit's fur to bright orange
 - c. A mutation that changes the color of a rabbit's eyes
 - d. A mutation that makes a rabbit slower
- _____ 14. In the phrase "survival of the fittest," to what does the term "fittest" refer?
- a. The most colorful organism
 - b. The fastest organism
 - c. The biggest organism
 - d. The best adapted organism
- _____ 15. What is a common ancestor?
- a. An organism that has a lot of offspring
 - b. An organism that is related to many other species
 - c. A common organism from which two or more different species evolved
 - d. An organism that is good at escaping from predators
- _____ 16. An example of variation is ...
- a. rabbits who can all run exactly the same speed
 - b. frogs who all have the same mating call
 - c. bears who all live in Canada
 - d. squirrels with different color furs

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Charles Darwin came up with five rules which explain how species can change over time.

Directions:

Please put the following rules in the correct order by placing the correct number 1-5 before each rule.

___ "Organisms produce more offspring than can survive."

___ "Over time, the offspring with more helpful variations make up the majority of the population or may become their own species."

___ "Some variations are passed to offspring"

___ "Differences (variations) occur among individuals of a species."

___ "Some variations are helpful. Individuals with helpful variations will survive and reproduce passing on their traits."

