

Class enrichment and review activities for April 1--9th.

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All assignments and materials for all classes are on Mrs. Henry's Google Classroom pages and also attached at the bottom of this PDF.

April 1—locate the notes for Chapter 15 on Evolution section 15.1. Attached below.

April 2— complete the review for section 15.1 with the fill in the blanks from the notes. This worksheet is attached below.

April 3— complete the handout using the notes for Chapter 15....called “The Beagle’s Voyage” attached below.

April 6—look for the concept map for evolution. Knowing what you know now, complete the map using the terms in the word bank.

April 7—Darwin presents his case is a worksheet that discusses his publication of his book “The Origin of Species” and natural selection.

April 8—locate the notes for 15.3-15.4 and read over the evidence for evolution on these sections.

April 9—locate the worksheet for this section on 15.3 and 15.4—complete worksheet.

BELOW YOU WILL FIND ATTACHED DOCUMENTS FROM THE ABOVE ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 9TH....

CHAPTER 15 Darwin and Evolution

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----Stop and Think ----

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Other Resources

[Understanding Evolution](#)
[Nova Evolution](#)

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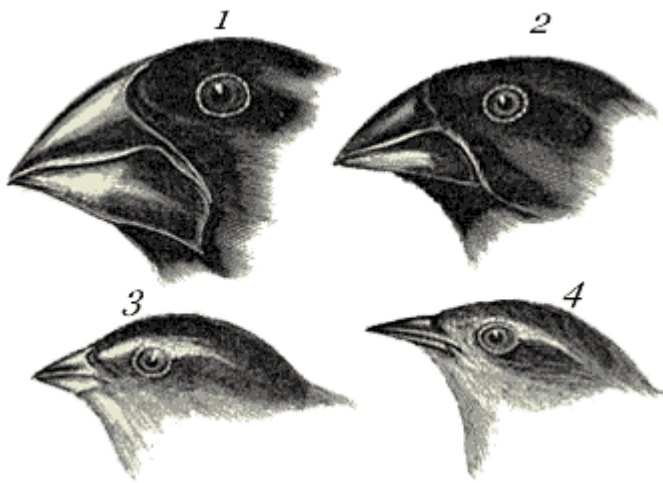
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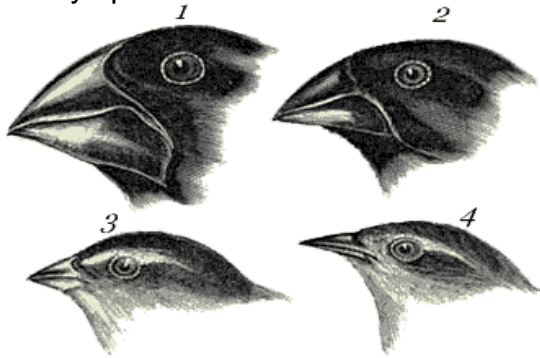
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Chapter 15 Darwin's Theory of Evolution

Section 15-1 The Puzzle of Life's Diversity



Key Concepts

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- What pattern did Darwin observe among organisms of the Galápagos Islands?

Introduction

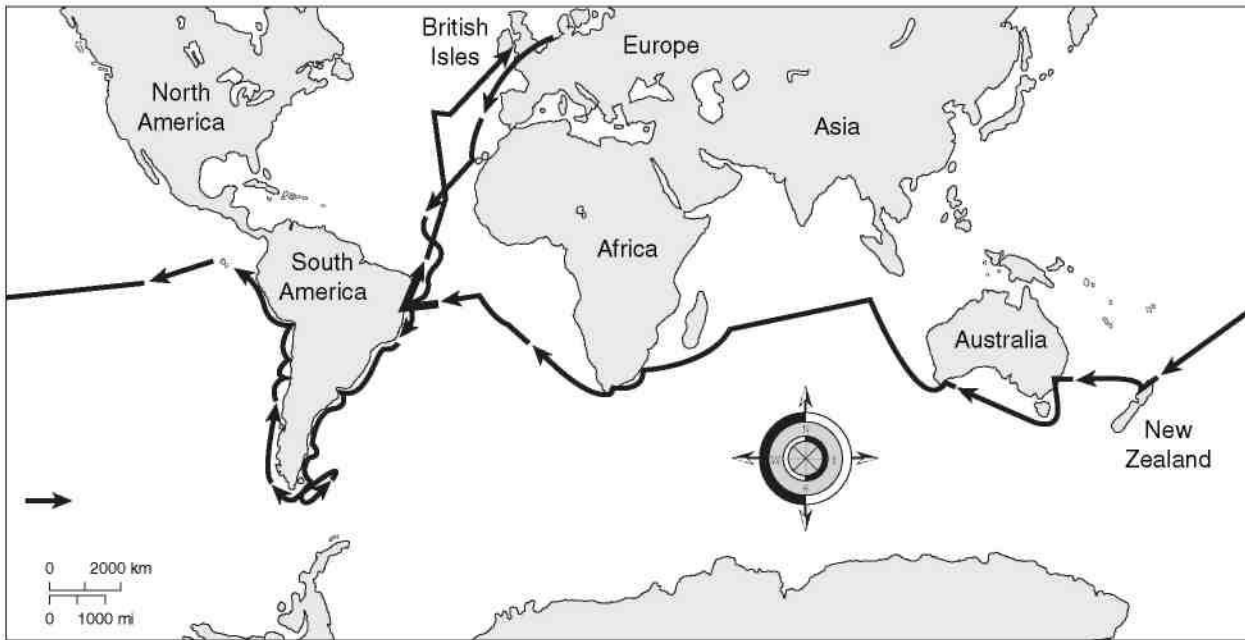
1. The process by which modern organisms have descended from ancient organisms is called _____.
2. A well-supported explanation of phenomena that have occurred in the natural world is a(an) _____.

Voyage of the *Beagle*

3. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about Charles Darwin.
 - a. He was born in 1809.
 - b. He was an English naturalist.
 - c. He was 42 when he began the voyage on the *Beagle*.

d. The voyage lasted five years and took him around the world.

4. Label the Galápagos Islands on the map below.



5. Is the following sentence true or false? Darwin was looking for a scientific explanation for the diversity of life on Earth. _____

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Darwin's Observations

6. Circle the letter of each observation that Darwin made.
- a. An enormous number of species inhabit Earth.
 - b. Many organisms seem to be poorly suited to their environment.
 - c. The same sorts of animals are always found in the same ecosystems in different parts of the world.
 - d. Some species that lived in the past no longer live on Earth.
7. The preserved remains of ancient organisms are called _____.
8. As Darwin studied fossils, what new questions arose? _____

9. How did Darwin explain differences in shell shape of tortoises from Hood Island and Isabela Island? _____

10. Darwin observed that small brown birds on the Galápagos Islands differed in the shape of their _____.

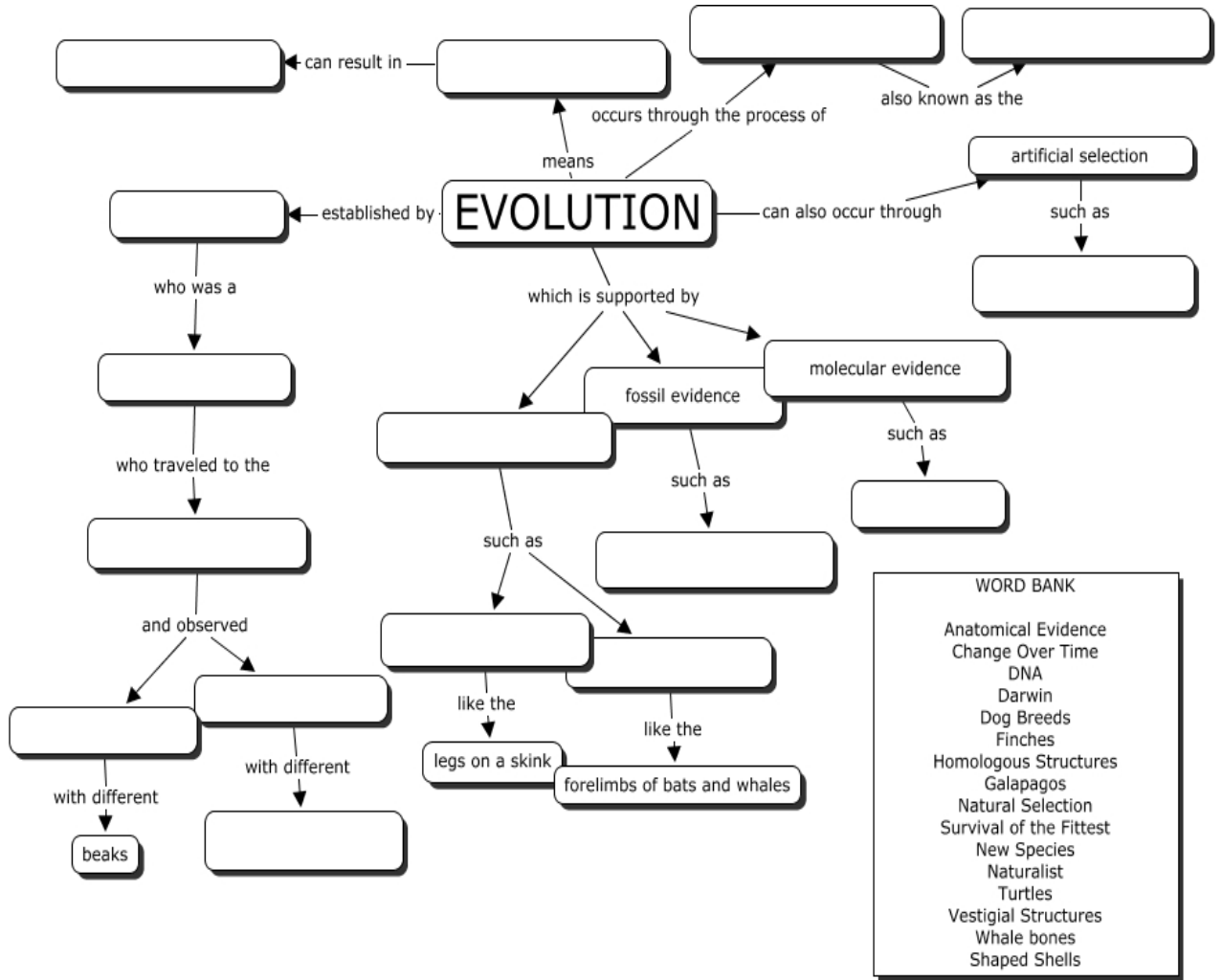
The Journey Home

11. What did Darwin think about on his journey home to England? _____

12. After he returned to England, what hypothesis did Darwin develop to explain his findings? _____

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Evolution Concept Map



Section Darwin Presents His Case



Key Concepts

- How is natural variation used in artificial selection?
- How is natural selection related to a species' fitness?
- What evidence of evolution did Darwin present?

Publication of *On the Origin of Species*

1. Is the following sentence true or false? When Darwin returned to England, he rushed to publish his thoughts about evolution. _____
2. The naturalist whose essay gave Darwin an incentive to publish his own work was _____.
3. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about Darwin's book *On the Origin of Species*.
 - a. It was published in 1869.
 - b. It was ignored when it was first published.
 - c. It contained evidence for evolution.
 - d. It described natural selection.

Inherited Variation and Artificial Selection

4. Differences among individuals of a species are referred to as _____.
5. Is the following sentence true or false? Genetic variation is found only in wild organisms in nature. _____
6. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about artificial selection.
 - a. It is also called selective breeding.
 - b. It occurs when humans select natural variations they find useful.
 - c. It produces organisms that look very different from their ancestors.
 - d. It is no longer used today.

Evolution by Natural Selection

7. What was Darwin's greatest contribution? _____

Match each term with its definition.

Terms

_____ **8.** fitness

_____ **9.** adaptation

_____ **10.** natural selection

Definitions

- a.** Any inherited characteristic that increases an organism's chance of survival
- b.** Survival of the fittest
- c.** The ability of an individual to survive and reproduce in its specific environment

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11. What does the phrase *struggle for existence* mean? _____

12. Is the following sentence true or false? Adaptations can be physical characteristics but not more complex features such as behavior. _____

13. Explain what Darwin meant by the phrase *survival of the fittest*. _____

14. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about natural selection.

- a. It selects traits that increase fitness.
- b. It takes place without human control.
- c. It can be observed directly in nature.
- d. It leads to an increase in a species' fitness.

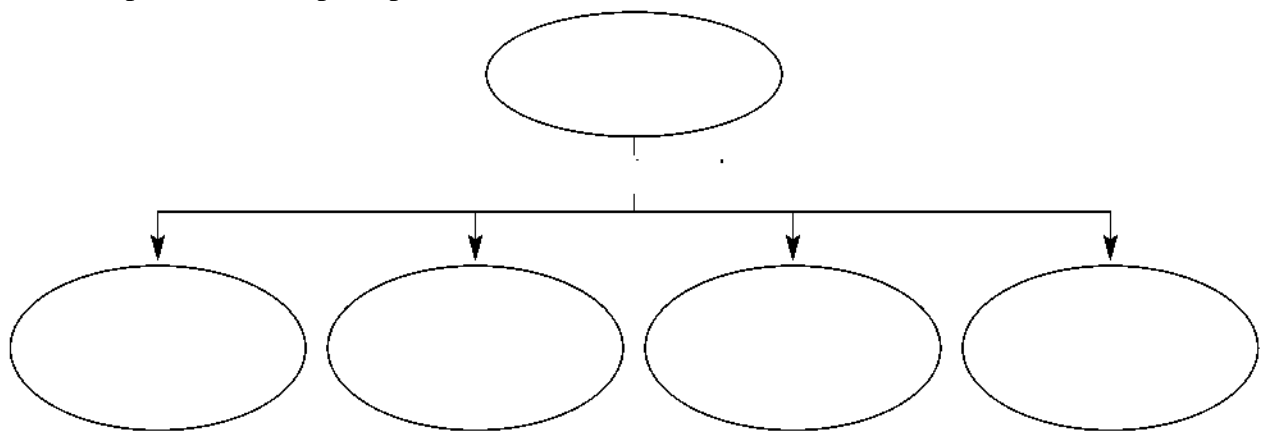
15. The principle that living species descend, with changes, from other species over time is referred to as _____.

16. The principle that all species were derived from common ancestors is known as _____.

Evidence of Evolution

17. Is the following sentence true or false? Darwin argued that living things have been evolving on Earth for thousands of years. _____

18. Complete the concept map.



19. How do fossils that formed in different rock layers provide evidence of evolution?

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20. Circle the letter of the way Darwin explained the distribution of finch species on the Galápagos Islands.

- a. They had descended with modification from a common mainland ancestor.
- b. They had descended with modification from several different mainland ancestors.
- c. They had remained unchanged since arriving on the Galápagos from the mainland.
- d. They had become more similar to one another after arriving on the Galápagos.

21. How did Darwin explain the existence of similar but unrelated species?

22. Structures that have different mature forms but develop from the same embryonic tissues are called _____.

23. Is the following sentence true or false? Homologous structures provide strong evidence that all four-limbed vertebrates have descended, with modifications, from common ancestors. _____

24. Organs that are so reduced in size that they are just vestiges, or traces, of homologous organs in other species are called _____.

Summary of Darwin's Theory

25. Circle the letter of each idea that is part of Darwin's theory of evolution.

- a. There is variation in nature.
- b. Fewer organisms are produced than can survive.
- c. There is a struggle for existence.
- d. Species change over time.

26. According to Darwin's theory, what happens to individuals whose characteristics are not well suited to their environment? _____

27. Darwin believed that all organisms on Earth are united into a single tree of life by

_____.

Strengths and Weaknesses of Evolutionary Theory

28. What is the status of Darwin's hypotheses today? _____

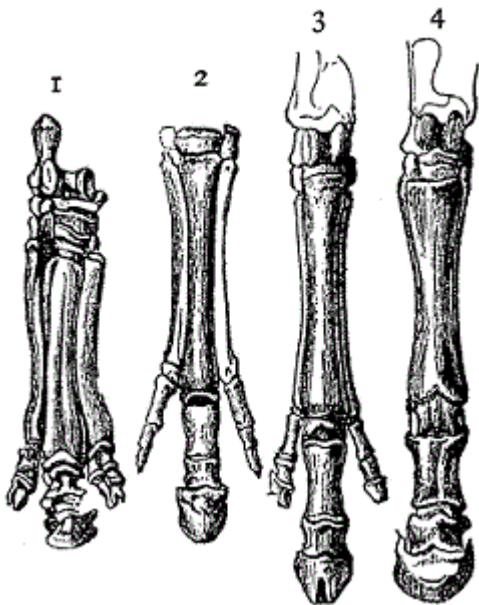
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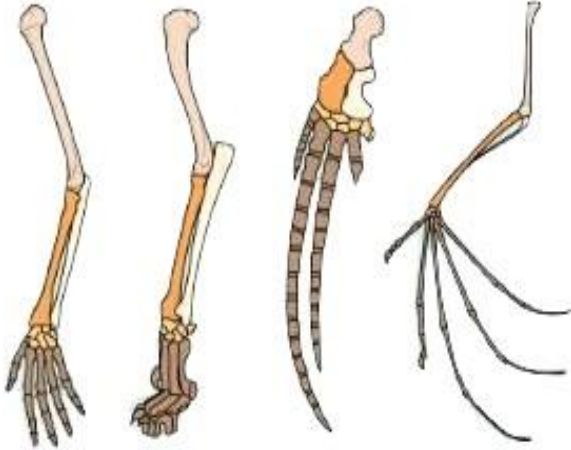
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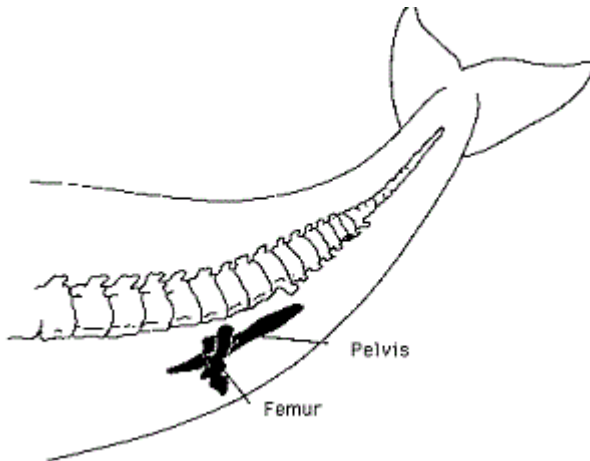
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C. Vestigial structures are remains of a structure that was functional in some ancestors but is no longer functional in the organism in question.

--- Most birds have well-developed wings; some bird species have reduced wings and do not fly.

--- Humans have a tailbone but no tail.



4. Embryological development

A. During development, all vertebrates have a post-anal tail and paired pharyngeal pouches.

-- In fishes and amphibian larvae, the pouches become gills.

-- In humans, the pouches become the middle ear; tonsils, and glands

5. Biochemical Evidence

- a. Almost all living organisms use the same basic biochemical molecules, e.g., DNA, ATP, enzymes.
- b. Organisms utilize the same DNA triplet code and the same 20 amino acids in their proteins.
- c. These similarities can be explained by descent from a common ancestor.
- d. Life's vast diversity has come about by only a slight difference in the same genes.

Pace of Evolution

1. Phyletic gradualism - slow process with many transitional forms
2. Punctuated equilibrium - speciation occurs rapidly, transitional links not evident, explains lack of fossils
3. Living fossils (horseshoe crab, coelacanth) support punctuated equilibrium

Summary

Because it is supported by so many lines of evidence, evolution is no longer considered a hypothesis.

Evolution is one of the great unifying theories of biology, similar in status to the germ theory of disease in medicine.

In science, a theory is supported by a large number of observations or a large amount of experimental evidence

Chapter 15 Review Questions

1. What scientific observations and research influenced Darwin?

2. List the steps involved in natural selection. How does a population change over time? What environmental factors push these changes?

4. Summarize the various kinds of evidence for evolution (i.e., that all living organisms descended from a common ancestor)

5. In terms of evolution, what does "fitness" mean?

6. In science, an important part of a theory is that it is falsifiable

What observations could refute the hypothesis that an adaptation evolved by natural selection?

What observations could refute the theory of evolution?

7. A scientific theory stands or falls according to how well it is supported by the facts, not according to who believes it. Do you think higher education students should be encouraged to *believe* evolution?

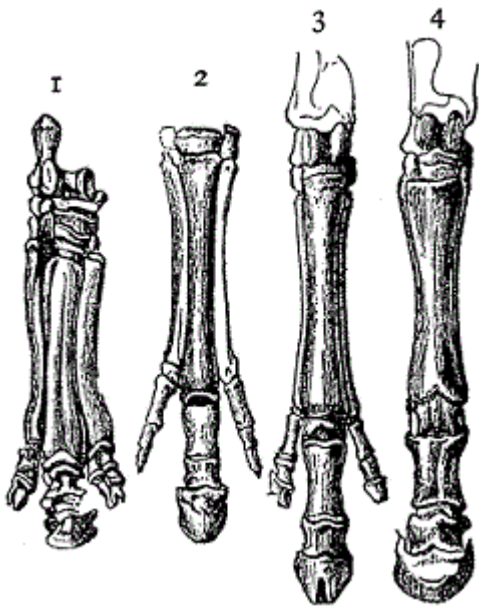
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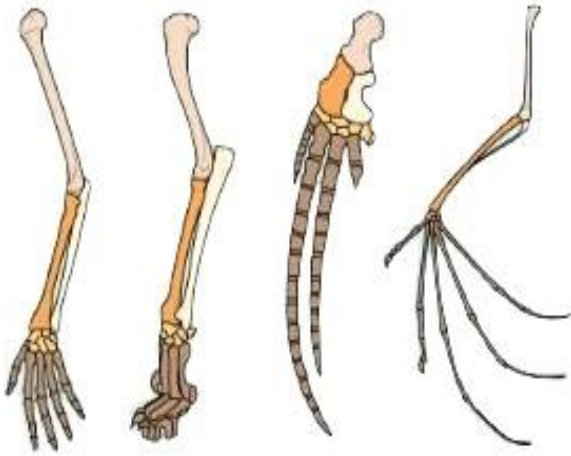
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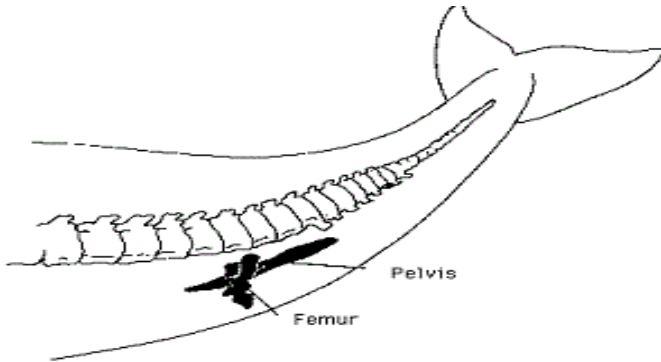
B. Vertebrate _____ contain the same sets of bones organized in similar ways, despite their dissimilar functions.



C. _____ structures are remains of a structure that was functional in some ancestors but is no longer functional in the organism in question.

--- Most birds have well-developed wings; some bird species have reduced _____ and do not _____.

--- Humans have a tailbone but no _____.



4. Embryological development

A. During development, all vertebrates have a post-anal _____ and paired _____ pouches.

-- In fishes and amphibian larvae, the pouches become _____.

-- In humans, the pouches becomes the middle _____; tonsils, and glands

5. Biochemical Evidence

a. Almost all living organisms use the same basic biochemical molecules, e.g., _____, _____ and _____.

b. Organisms utilize the same DNA _____ code and the same _____ amino acids in their proteins.

c. These similarities can be explained by descent from a _____ ancestor.

d. Life's vast diversity has come about by only a slight _____ in the same genes.

Pace of Evolution

1. _____ gradualism - _____ process with many transitional forms
2. _____ equilibrium - speciation occurs rapidly, transitional links not evident, explains lack of fossils
3. Living fossils (horseshoe crab, coelacanth) support _____ equilibrium

Summary

Because it is supported by so many lines of evidence, evolution is no longer considered a _____.

Evolution is one of the great _____ of biology, similar in status to the germ theory of disease in medicine.

In science, a theory is supported by a large number of _____ or a large amount of _____ evidence

Chapter 15 Review Questions

1. What scientific observations and research influenced Darwin?
2. List the steps involved in natural selection. How does a population change over time? What environmental factors push these changes?
3. Summarize the various kinds of evidence for evolution (i.e., that all living organisms descended from a common ancestor)
4. In terms of evolution, what does "fitness" mean?
5. In science, an important part of a theory is that it is falsifiable

What observations could refute the hypothesis that an adaptation evolved by natural selection?

What observations could refute the theory of evolution?

