

Charles Darwin



Introduction

Charles Darwin was a famous **naturalist**. He is remembered for his **theory** of **evolution**. Charles was born

in 1809 in England.

As a boy, he enjoyed nature.

Instead of studying, Charles

often **collected** bugs.

Early Life

In 1831 Charles **graduated** from Cambridge University.

From 1831 to 1836 he sailed around the world studying rocks, plants, and animals.

In 1835 he arrived at a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean called the Galapagos.

Life's Work

Charles studied the animals of the Galapagos islands.

He looked at the changes found in animals of the same **species**. He came up with an idea that living things change over time. He called it the **evolution** of **species**.

Later Years

Charles wrote a book called *On the Origin of **Species** by Means of Natural Selection*.

It went on sale in 1859 and sold out in one day. Until his death in 1882, Charles continued to write about his **theory** of **evolution**.

Contributions

Charles Darwin was a great **naturalist**. His **theory** on the **evolution** of **species** continues to inspire people. Breakthroughs in science are still happening today because of his work.

Glossary Terms

collect - to gather something

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evolution

graduate - to finish all required classes at a school

naturalist - someone who studies animals and plants

scientist - a person who studies the world around us

species - a group of animals with similar features

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