

Honors Biology – Unit 3 – Chapter 13
“HOW POPULATIONS EVOLVE”

1. Jean-Baptiste de LaMarck: a desire to change, use and disuse, acquired traits
2. Charles Darwin: “On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection”
3. Darwin’s finches: South America vs. Galapagos Islands
4. fitness: the ability of successfully reproduce and produce fertile offspring
5. Darwin’s 5 steps of natural selection:
 - genetic variation
 - overproduction of offspring
 - fitness
 - genetic change
 - adaptation
6. examples of natural selection:
 - giraffes
 - finches
 - drug-resistant bacteria
 - pesticide-resistant insects
 - the peppered moth
7. evidence for evolution:
 - fossils and rock layers (principle of superposition)
 - homologous structures
 - vestigial organs
 - comparative embryology
 - molecular data
8. evolution WITHOUT natural selection
 - founder effect, bottleneck effect, artificial selection
9. directional selection vs. stabilizing selection vs. disruptive selection
10. Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium: $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$

Honors Biology – Unit 3 – Chapter 14
“THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES”

1. biological species concept
2. 5 reproductive (PRE-ZYGOTIC) barriers:
 - temporal isolation
 - habitat isolation
 - behavioral isolation
 - mechanical isolation
 - gametic isolation
3. 3 developmental (POST-ZYGOTIC) barriers:
 - reduced hybrid viability
 - reduced hybrid fertility
 - hybrid breakdown

Honors Biology – Chapters 13 & 14 Word Roots
“HOW POPULATIONS EVOLVE” & “THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES”

allo- = other; **-patri** = father (*allopatric speciation*: the formation of new species in populations that are geographically isolated from one another)

bio- = life; **geo-** = the Earth (*biogeography*: the study of the past and present distribution of organisms)

homo- = like, resembling (*homologous structures*: structures in different species that are similar because of common ancestry; *homology*: similarity in characteristics resulting from a shared ancestry)

micro- = small (*microevolution*: a change in a population’s gene pool over generations)

muta- = change (*mutation*: a change in the nucleotide sequence of an organism’s DNA)

paleo- = ancient (*paleontologist*: a scientist who studies fossils)

post- = after; **zygo-** = fertilized cell (*postzygotic barrier*: any of several reproductive barriers that prevent hybrid zygotes produced by two different species from developing into viable, fertile adults)

pre- = before; **zygo-** = fertilized cell (*prezygotic barrier*: any of several reproductive barriers that impede mating between species or hinder fertilization if mating between two species is attempted)

sym- = together; **-patri** = father (*sympatric speciation*: the formation of new species in populations that live in the same geographic area)

vestigi- = trace (*vestigial organs*: a structure of marginal or no importance to an organism that is the historical remnant of structures that had important functions in ancestors)

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HONORS BIOLOGY – UNIT 3 – CHAPTERS 13 & 14 NOTES

HOW POPULATIONS EVOLVE & THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES

Jean Baptiste de Lamarck

- first major theory of evolution
- based on 3 principles:
 - a desire to change = if an animal wants or needs to change its body, then it does
 - use and disuse = if a part of an animal isn't used, then it shrinks and disappears; if it is used a lot, then it grows bigger, stronger, or more numerous
 - acquired traits = traits that an animal receives during its lifetime will be passed to its offspring
- WHAT IS WRONG WITH LAMARCK'S THEORY? (EVERYTHING!)

Charles Darwin

- a naturalist from England
- first voyage at 22 years old
- sailed to the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador (South America)
- most famous book was "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" (1859)

Darwin's Research

- He collected several species of birds (finches)
- Each bird had a specialized way of catching food in its beak
- All the birds on the islands resembled one particular bird on South America
- HOW COME SOME OF THE BIRDS HAVE DIFFERENT TRAITS?
- WHY DID THE ISLAND FINCHES RESEMBLE THOSE ON SOUTH AMERICA?
- The finches must have changed throughout time in order to survive.
- They evolved different traits in response to the different environments on the islands.
- In the case of their beaks, the environmental factor was food availability.

Darwin's Theory of Evolution

- definition of evolution = change in species over time
- natural selection = organisms with traits well suited to an environment are more likely to survive and produce more offspring
- FITNESS = the ability to successfully reproduce and produce fertile offspring
- Reproduction is the most important thing in life according to Darwin

5 Steps of Natural Selection

1. GENETIC VARIATION

Every species contains differences in DNA

EX: Some giraffes have longer necks and some have shorter necks.

2. OVERPRODUCTION OF OFFSPRING

Organisms often produce more offspring than can survive.

EX: The giraffes produce a lot of offspring.

3. FITNESS

Only some individuals survive and reproduce.

EX: Tall giraffes could reach the food. They survived and reproduced.

Short giraffes could not reach the food. They died and did not reproduce.

4. GENETIC CHANGE

Natural selection changes the % of genes in the population.

EX: The “tall” gene becomes more common. The “short” gene becomes less common.

5. ADAPTATION

Species adapt to the environment. Some genes are more favored than others.

EX: Most of the giraffes in the population are taller. The shorter ones were unable to survive.

Examples of Natural Selection (Classwork)

EX: Darwin’s Finches (only food sources are nuts, fruits, and seeds)

1. There are birds with short, fat beaks and long, thin beaks.

2.

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EX: Drug-Resistant Bacteria

1. Some bacteria are killed by antibiotics and some are not.

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EX: Pesticide-Resistant Insects

1. Some insects are killed by pesticides and some are not.

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EX: The Peppered Moths (the trees have been covered with soot)

1. There are light and dark peppered moths.

2.

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Proof of Evolution

1. Homologous Structures = similar bone structures found in closely related animals
EX: human arm, bird wing, whale flipper
2. Vestigial Organ = an organ that is no longer used by an animal
EX: human appendix, coccyx (tail bone), wisdom teeth
3. Molecular Data = comparing similar DNA or proteins sequences of different animals
EX: humans and chimpanzees have 98.4% DNA similarities
4. Comparative Embryology = animals that are closely related have similar features during development (before they are born)
EX: human embryos have gill-like slits (humans evolved from fish)
EX: human embryos have a “tail” (humans evolved from primates)
5. Fossils = remnants of animals from the past
EX: Archaeopteryx = fossil that proves that birds evolved from dinosaurs

Evolution Without Natural Selection

1. Founder Effect = when a small group is separated from a large population, the small group will have a different % of genes than the original (larger) group
EX: Carolina and Dimetri are swept away by a storm to a deserted island.
All the offspring will be tall.
2. Bottleneck Effect = when a storm or natural disaster randomly destroys most of a population, the survivors that are left to reproduce may not have the same genetic qualities as the original (larger) group
EX: A storm destroys everyone except Carlos, Kristia, Danilo, Charbel, and Carolina.
All the offspring will be Spanish.
3. Artificial Selection = when humans determine which organisms are going to mate.
EX: farmers planting the seeds from the best crops
EX: dog/horse breeders

Species Concept

- Organisms of the same species are able to mate and produce fertile offspring.
- If they can't mate together, then they are different species!
- EX: horse + donkey → mule (not a species because it is sterile)

5 Pre-Zygotic Reproductive Barriers

1. Habitat Isolation = species are separated based on where they live
2. Temporal Isolation = species are separated based on when they mate (time of day or mating seasons)
3. Behavioral Isolation = species are separated based on differences in mating rituals
4. Mechanical Isolation = species are separated based on incompatible reproductive organs
5. Gametic Isolation = species are separated based on incompatible gametes (eggs + sperm)

3 Post-Zygotic Reproductive Barriers

1. Reduced Hybrid Viability = hybrid fails to develop or reach “puberty”
2. Reduced Hybrid Fertility = hybrid reaches “puberty” but can't make functional gametes
3. Hybrid Breakdown = hybrid produces offspring, but the offspring are weak or infertile

3 Modes of Natural Selection

1. Directional Selection: one extreme trait is favored

- EX:
- Trait: speed of wolves
 - Evolution favors faster wolves
 - Graph is shifted to the left or right

2. Stabilizing Selection: the middle form of the trait is favored

- EX:
- Trait: human birth weight
 - Evolution favors medium birth weight
 - Graph produces a thinner bell curve

3. Diversifying Selection: both extreme traits are equally favorable, but not the middle trait

- EX:
- Trait: type of beak (Darwin's finches)
 - Evolution favors short/fat beaks (for eating nuts and fruit) as well as long/thin beaks (for eating worms and insects), but not medium-sized beaks
 - Graph produces an upside-down bell curve