 Biology / Evolution Unit

Biology -- Intro to Evolution Assignment

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2. What are some other theories in science? Name at least 3 more. Do these other theories seem controversial? Why or why not?

3. Explain as best you can at this point why you think evolution draws controversy and why other scientific theories do not.

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4. Describe the political and religious environment that surrounded Darwin.

5. Was Darwin himself a religious man?

6. Explain how he used the scientific process and data analysis to come up with the Theory of Natural Selection.

7. Explain why he eventually presented his ideas despite his reservations.

8. How has modern methods of experimentation and new scientific fields confirmed Darwin’s Theory?



PART II: **History Behind Darwin’s Theory of Evolution**

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