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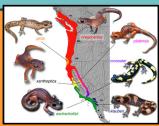
- o Since it is similar to artificial selection, Darwin referred to survival of the fittest as *Natural Selection*
- o In both AS & NS, only certain individuals of a population produce new individuals

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- NS results in changes in the inherited characteristics of a population, that increase a species' fitness in its environ.
- Over time, NS produces organisms that have different structures, & occupy different habitats



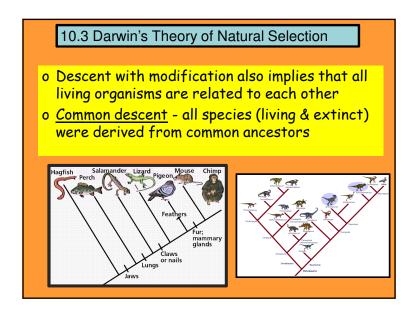


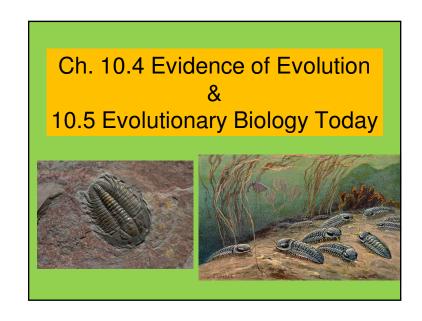
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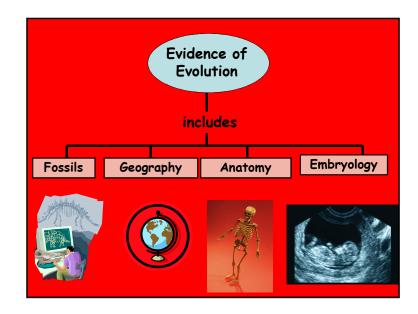
- Descent with Modification-Each living species has descended, with changes, from other species over time
 - o As a result, species today look different from their ancestors

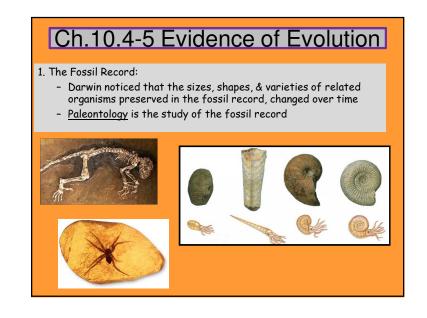


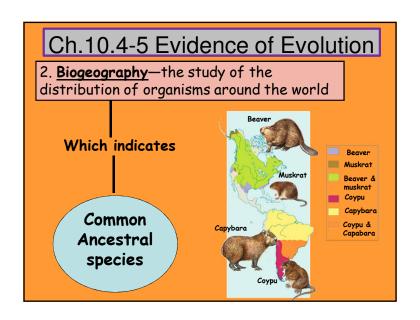


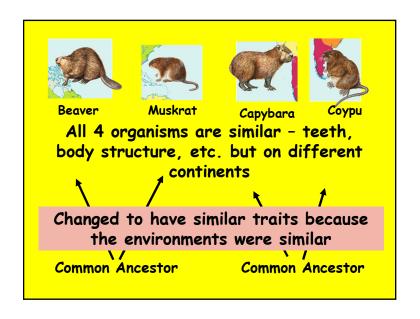


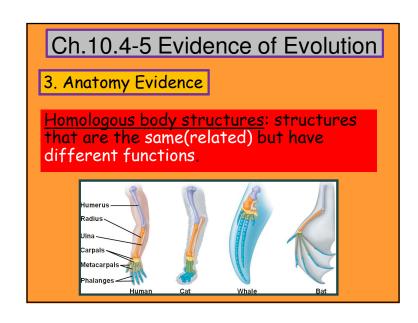


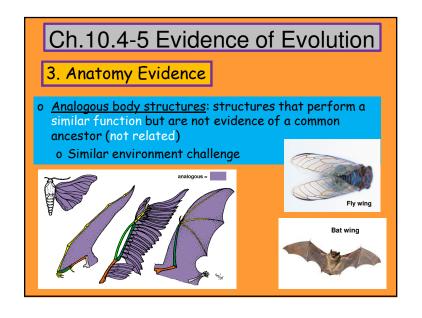


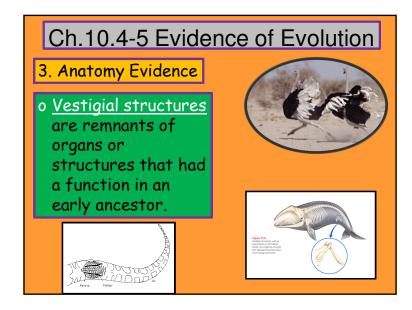


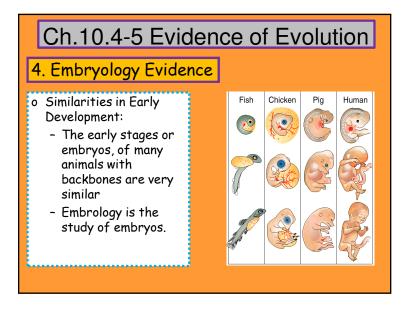


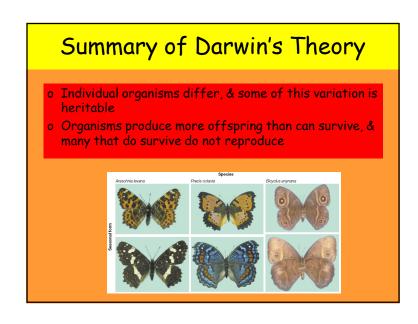


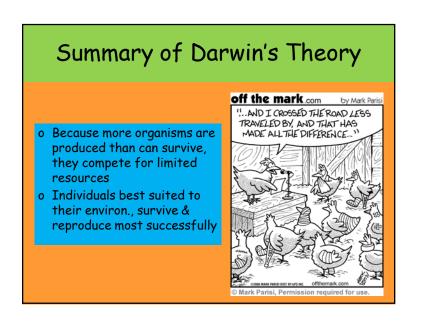












Summary of Darwin's Theory

- o These organisms pass
 their heritable traits
 to their offspring
- o This process of NS causes species to change over time



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- o Species alive today are descended with modification from ancestral species that lived in the distant past
- o This process, where diverse species evolved from common ancestors, unites all organisms on Earth into a single tree of life