Integrating Concepts in Biology



PowerPoint Slides for Chapter 4: Evolution and Origin of Cells

4.1 What is evolution?

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Biology Learning Objectives

- Define evolution and distinguish the four mechanisms of evolution.
- Illustrate how natural selection works by giving a real example.

ELSI Learning Objectives

- Distinguish religion and science as two different ways of understanding the world.
- Evaluate the difference between *belief* and *acceptance* of evolution.
- Define the scientific term *theory*.

Fossil Evidence of Early Life



Define Evolution

Change in allele frequency in a population over time.

Define Theory

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An understanding that has been validated so often it is accepted as true beyond doubt

Themes of Evolution

- The origin of living systems occurred by natural processes, and life continues to evolve within a changing environment.
- Organisms can be linked by lines of descent from common ancestry.
- Natural selection is a mechanism of evolution that accounts for adaptation.
- Human activity can alter the course of evolution.

Properties of Life

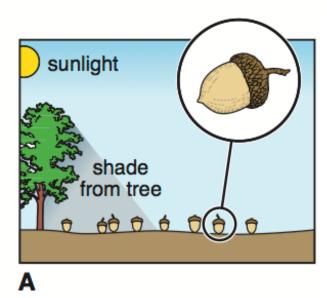
• life replicates itself

• life undergoes changes

• life requires energy

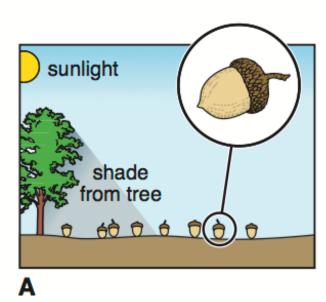
• life occupies three-dimensional space big enough to contain cargo

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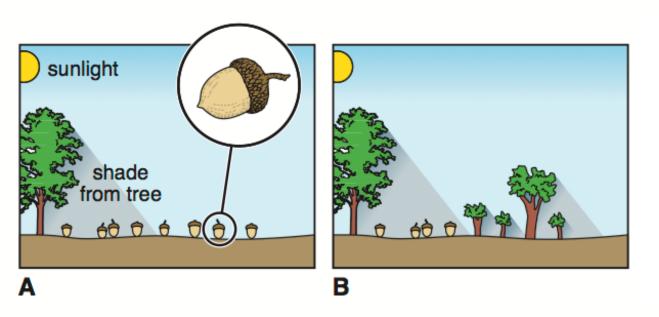
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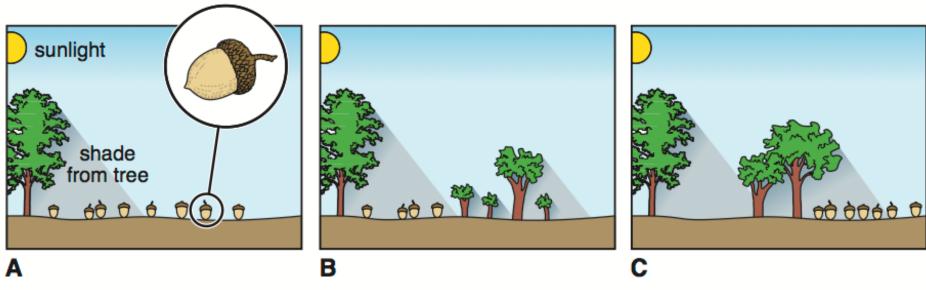
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- 4) adaptive advantage for some.
- 5) reproduction for those who survive.

Working in your group, apply natural selection to cancer. Make sure to keep in mind the true definition of evolution.

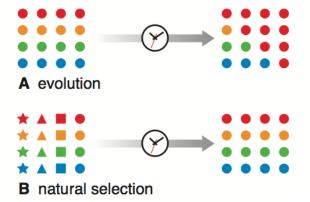
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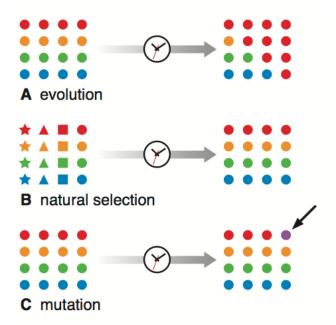


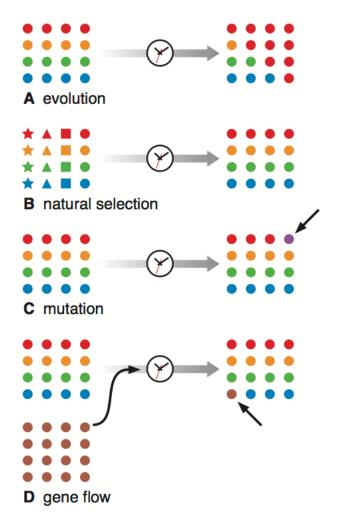
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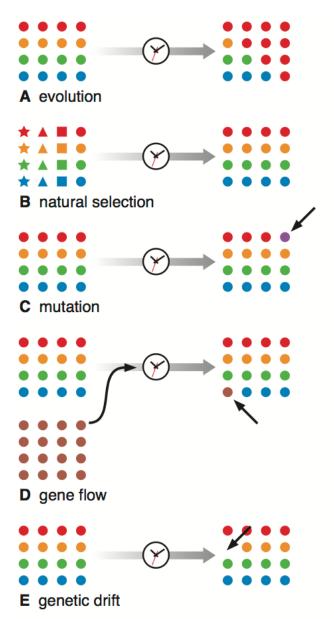


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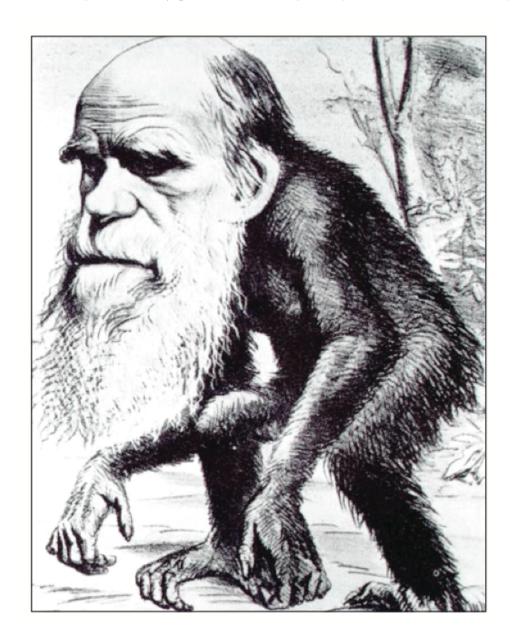








Political Satire of Darwin





Why are religion and evolution often pitted against each other?

