Biology Chapter 13

Chapter Objectives: The Theory of Evolution

- The theory of evolution by natural selection
 Darwin proposed a mechanism for evolution
 Evolution by natural selection
 Darwin's ideas updated
- <u>Evidence of evolution</u>
 The fossil record
 Anatomy and development
 Biological molecules
- <u>Examples of evolution</u>
 Natural selection at work
 Formation of new species

Vocabulary

- 1. Population
- 2. Natural selection
- 3. Adaptation
- 4. Reproductive isolation
- 5. Gradualism
- Punctuated equilibrium
- 7. Paleontologist
- 8. Vestigial
- 9. Homologous

structure

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- 10. Divergence
- 11. Convergence
- 12. Speciation
- 13. Subspecies
- 14. Evolution
- 15. Evidence

At the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Identify several observations that led Darwin to conclude that species evolve
- Relate the process of natural selection to its outcome
- Summarize the main points of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection as it is stated today
- Contrast the gradualism and punctuated equilibrium models of evolution
- Describe how the fossil record supports evolution
- Summarize how biological molecules such as proteins and DNA are used as evidence of evolution
- Infer how comparing the anatomy and development of living species provides evidence of evolution
- Identify four elements in the process of natural selection
- Describe how natural selection has affected the bacteria that cause tuberculosis
- Relate natural selection to the beak size of finches
- Summarize the process of species formation

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