

Key Learning

Who was Charles Darwin?

Charles Darwin (1809-1882) was an English naturalist and biologist.

He is best known for explaining how living things change over a long time and become the way that they are.

When did he live?

He was born in 1809 in Shrewsbury and died in 1882.

Where did he travel to and why?

Darwin was the naturalist on the voyage.

This meant that he was responsible for looking at plants and animals and collect samples to be experimented on back in Britain.

From 1831, Darwin spent 5 years on a Royal Navy exploring ship, called the HMS Beagle. He made notes and collections about the plants and animals found.

Why was his visit to the Galapagos Islands so famous?

Darwin noticed how the finches (birds) there differed from island to island. Darwin found that the birds quickly were able to quickly evolve in this closed off environment.

What did Darwin discover on his voyage?

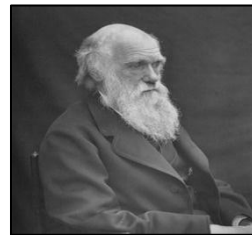
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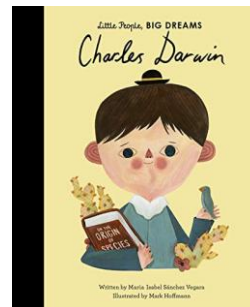


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Good Read



Key Vocabulary

Expedition

An organised journey for a particular purpose.

Galapagos Island

The Galapagos Islands are a series of islands in the Pacific Ocean off South America

The Beagle

The ship that Charles Darwin travelled to the Galapagos Island in.

Dodo

Extinct bird found in the Galapagos Islands

