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Activity 2: Evolution

A letter to Charles Darwin

Imagine yourself as a person in Victorian England. All you have ever known are religious ideas of how the world came to be as it is. Charles Darwin has put forward an idea which is extremely different to anything you have ever known.

Write a letter to Charles Darwin asking him any questions that you might have about what you have seen in the video.

Think about the tone of your letter. Do you believe his ideas? Do you like what he is saying? Are you angry? Or maybe excited? Perhaps amazed and wanting to know more!? Don't forget to address and date your letter too!

Victorian letter writing tips!

- ❖ *Victorians paid careful attention to their handwriting so make sure you write carefully!*
- ❖ *Most Victorians wrote very formally. If you are choosing to imagine yourself as a friend of Darwin then you can write in a conversational style, as you would speak.*
- ❖ *If you want to try something a little more challenging then imagine Darwin as a stranger. Then write in a more formal tone for example using sir.*
- ❖ *Proof read for grammar and spelling mistakes – Mr Darwin may see these as rude!*
- ❖ *Sign off with 'yours sincerely'.*

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