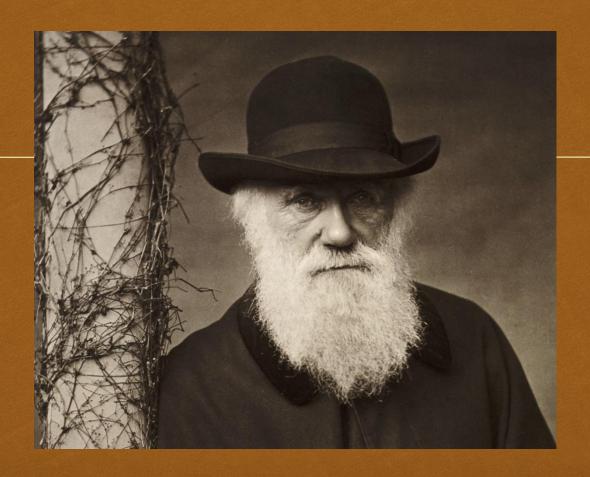
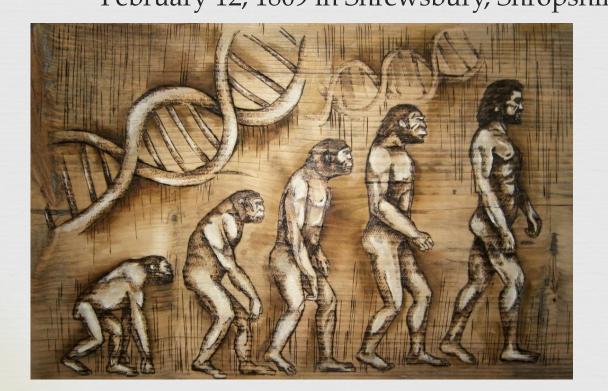
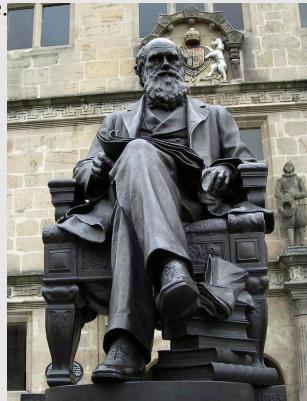
## Charles Darwin



Charles Darwin was an English naturalist, geologist and biologist, best known for his contributions to the science of evolution. He was born on February 12, 1809 in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

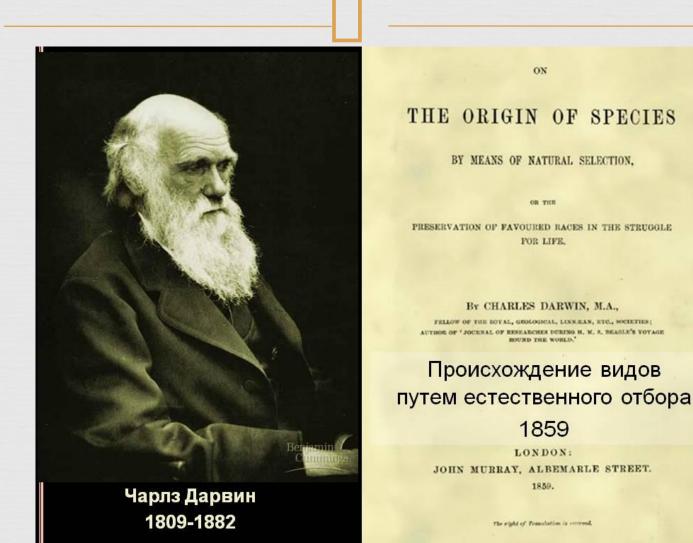






Darwin had not planned to be a scientist. He wanted to become a doctor. But he was interested in plants and animals. A friend who knew about Darwin's interest in nature invited him to take the trip. Charles was 22 when he left England for a five-year trip around the world.

This trip is a very important one in the history of science, for it led Darwin to write one of the world most famous books. The book is "The Origin of Species". It gives Darwin's ideas of how all the plants and animals of today have come from the very simple plants and animals that first lived on the Earth.



Darwin was also the creator of the "Theory of Evolution". The main ideas of this theory: many more plants and animals are produced than can possibly live. There is no two plants and animals, even of the same kind, which would be exactly alike.

