

Evolution: Writing Tasks

Diary Entry

Write a diary entry to describe your trip with Darwin.

You might include

- One part of the day: for example when you got to the desert in Saudi Arabia or when you returned to 19th Century London
- Your thoughts about the Theory of Evolution that Darwin has taught you

Remember.....

- To include your feelings as well as your activities. How exciting was it to time travel to these distant places? How did it feel to see camels before they had their humps?

Persuasive Letter: Funding for Darwin's next trip

Darwin needs funding for his next trip on HMS Beagle as he is on the verge of a breakthrough in proving his Theory of Evolution. As an apprentice on the trip he has given you the job of writing to the government to ask for funding.

You might include...

- Factual information about his Theory of Evolution
- Powerful emotive language: e.g. ***Mr Darwin's work is of significant importance; earth-shattering discoveries are about to be made.....***

Remember...

- To include an introduction to explain why you are writing.
- To keep a formal tone

e.g. Dear Sir,

I am writing with the regard to the very important scientific research being undertaken by Mr Charles Darwin and to ask.....

Newspaper Report: Darwin's announces his Theory of Evolution

Shock news report! 1859 London: Darwin's Theory of Evolution is announced for the first time. Write a report for the Times newspaper

You might include...

- Facts and an explanation of what the Theory is about
- Quotes from Mr Darwin himself
- Opinions and the reactions of different people at the time. Remember some people will oppose these discoveries
- Darwin's words: 'Think like a scientist!'

Remember...

- To add a catchy headline.

Acrostic Poem: Evolution

Write an acrostic poem using the word 'Evolution' (or 'Theory of Evolution' if you want to write a longer one!)

You might include...

- What the word means to you
- a focus on one living thing and how it has adapted
- What evolution might look like in the future

Remember...

- To use descriptive language including adjectives, similes and metaphors