

**Where do all living things on Earth come from?**

***Narrator:*** I am going to interview five people in history about their ideas on where all living things on Earth came from. Here's the first one.

*Enter Aristotle*

***Aristotle:*** My name is Aristotle. I was born in Greece, in 384 BC. I think there is some sort of ladder of gradual change - starting with non-living things right up to the most perfect thing.

***Narrator:*** That sounds an interesting idea. What is the most perfect thing?

***Aristotle:*** A Greek man, of course!

*Enter a Bishop*

***Bishop:*** I am a Bishop in 1800, and most people agree with me. I believe the Bible has all the answers.

***Narrator:*** And what does the Bible say?

***Bishop:*** God created the Earth and all living things. God caused a flood. Noah built an ark and took two of every living creature on board. All animals are descended from them.

*Enter James Cook*

***James Cook:*** My name is James Cook and I've just got back from a trip round the world. I've seen some amazing animals all over the place. How could they have spread out from the Ark?

***Bishop:*** Very interesting - but the Bible must be right.

## Science Drama Sketches

### *Enter Charles Darwin*

**Darwin:** My name is Charles Darwin. I have been on a voyage round the world for 5 years and looked at many, many animals. I think that we find so many different types of animals or species because they have changed over a very long time.

**Narrator:** Why would they want to change?

**Darwin:** They change to suit the place they live in. For example, the finches - a type of bird - on the 10 different Galapagos Islands have developed different beaks to suit the food on each island.

**Bishop:** Are you suggesting every living thing has come about by gradual change? Even us humans? This is definitely against the Bible!!

### *Enter David Attenborough*

**Attenborough:** My name is David Attenborough. I make films about all types of living things. As you can imagine, Darwin was pretty unpopular with the church in 1859 when he published the "Origin of Species". But his ideas had so much evidence to back them up that they were eventually accepted.

**Narrator:** So you agree with Darwin?

**Attenborough:** Yes. My films show you many examples of Evolution - how animals have changed over time. We have found lots of fossils to show this gradual change and some animals living today are great examples of evolution in action - like the Duck-billed Platypus.