

Darwin Makes the Front Page

In this assignment, students will work in teams to produce a newspaper that would have likely been published during the times in which Darwin introduced his theory of natural selection. The newspaper should describe the time period by reporting events and conditions of the time. In addition, the paper should have components that relate the news of the day, which are Darwin's new theory and other theories of the time with regard to new information that was being brought forth. The paper should also have a section that compares Darwin and Wallace's theories.

Elements of the paper can be found in the rubric provided. Everyone should be able to get the highest score possible on this assignment by following the requirements listed in the rubric. You can use copies of newspapers found in my room or the library or at your home as a model for the type of paper you will produce. The best plan is to assign each group member a role or a section in producing the newspaper.

Students may choose their own group members and may have no more than 4 people in any one group. If someone has fewer group members, they will still be responsible for the same information and graded on the same rubric as the groups with 4 members. Therefore, it is to your benefit to have the maximum number of people in your group to maximize the resources and get the best possible grade. When choosing group members, be aware of whom you are agreeing to work with. Think of it in terms of a business partnership. If you would not want to go into business with a particular person, you might not want to have them in your group. The grades will be given on a total project grade and group members will be given the same grade for this assignment. If a problem arises with a member of your group who is not pulling his/her weight, then you need to work it out with them. If that does not work you need to let me know as soon as possible and we will sit down as a group and determine what the best solution is.

Resources may be found on the Internet at www.scilinks.org . Use the topic: Charles Darwin, and Keyword EG11A. Another resource is www.pbs.org/evolution. Any other resource you find to help you understand the time period that Charles Darwin lived in is acceptable as long as you list it in such a way that I can go right to the document you used. Don't just give me a URL that takes me to some homepage, because if I have to search for the info, it will not be accepted.