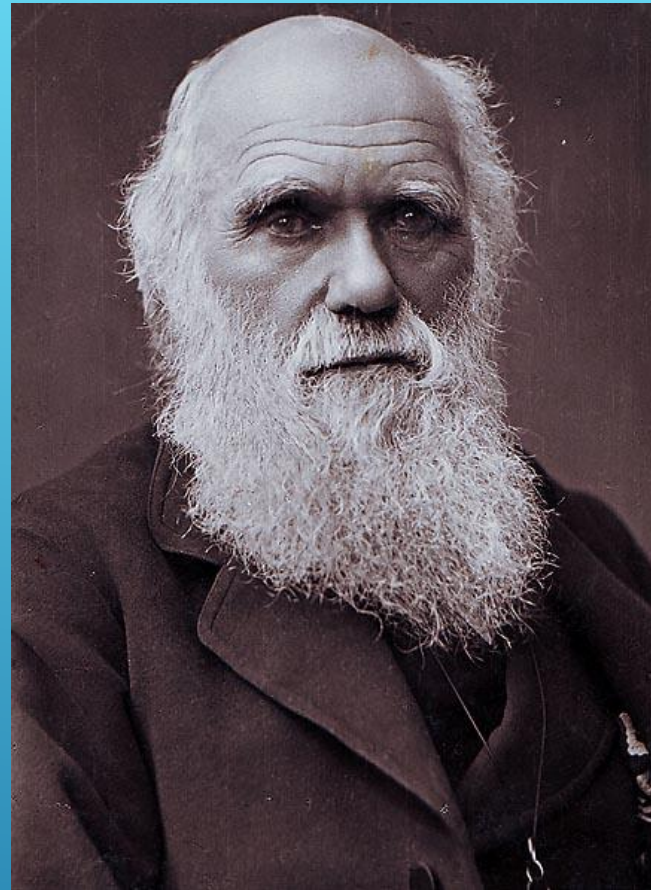


CHARLES DARWIN

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Charles Darwin was born on the 12th of February 1809.

He was born in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and he was the fifth of six children of two wealthy and well-connected parents. As a child he was quietly brought up as a Christian, however his family life was one of openness to new ideas. His grandfathers had both been important people: Josiah Wedgwood (who was his Mum's Dad) was an industrialist and he spoke against slavery, and Erasmus Darwin (who was his Dad's Dad) was a doctor.

CHILDHOOD

- ▶ Like his dad and granddad, Darwin got a place at Edinburgh University to learn about medicine, however he wasn't a good medic. This was because when he was at university, it was long before anaesthetic, so Darwin found the way people did surgery too disgusting. Despite the problem about medical learning, there was an upside, Edinburgh was one of the best places in Britain to study science. It attracted great minds with opinions that would not have been respected or allowed in Oxford and Cambridge. As well as that, Darwin heard speakers talk about the latest theories of transmutation (as evolution was then known).

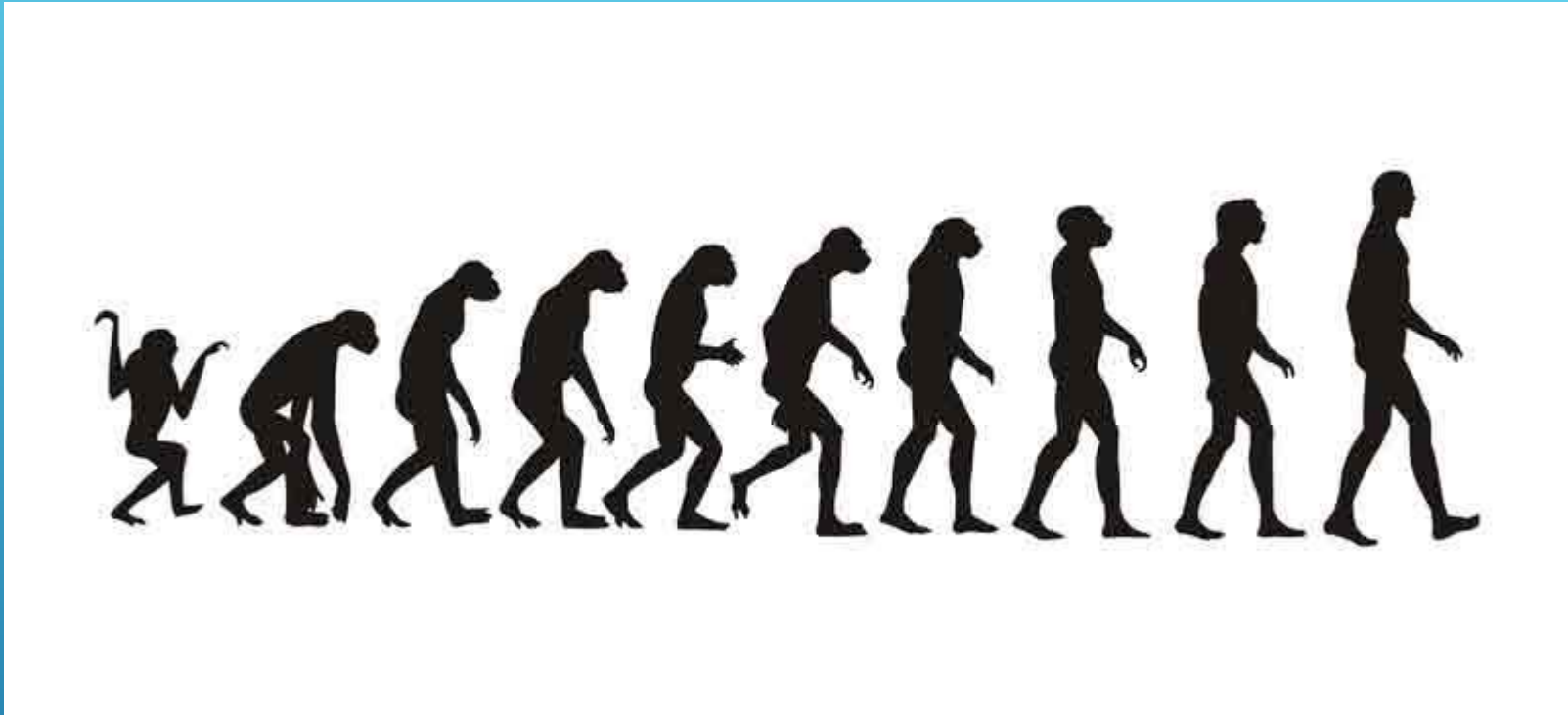


University of Edinburgh, 1827

DARWIN IN EDINBURGH

- ▶ Charles Darwin, did not invent anything however he discovered a lot as a scientist and naturalist and, as an author, he impacted science and the way we think about our world. He developed and proposed a theory about evolution. His theory has had far-reaching affects on science and the way we understand life. His theory.

WHAT DID DARWIN DISCOVER?



WHAT WAS HIS THEORY?