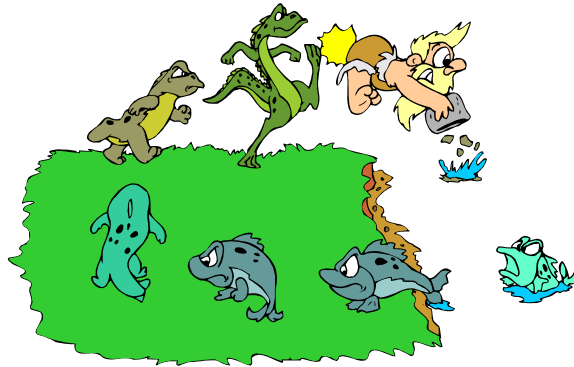


**Natural Selection, Charles Darwin and Evolution:
Separating the Fact from Fiction
NYS Online Academy
Karen Finter, Instructor**



Course Policies

Code of Conduct:

1. You will conduct yourselves in a professional manner. Postings will address the assignment given. All postings will be monitored by the instructor. (And **I** have the last word!)
2. You will log in at least 3 times a week to monitor assignments, engage in discussion and to read feedback.
3. This course is meant to enrich your content and curriculum and to assist you and your students in meeting (and exceeding) the standards in an engaging, meaningful way! **You** determine what you will take from this experience!

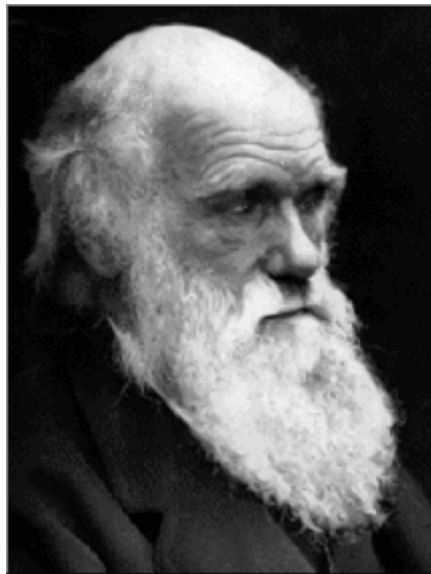
Assignments & Grading:

This is a one-credit (15hr) course, which will run for six weeks.

1. In order to receive full credit for the course, you must complete all of the assignments and actively participate in discussions.
2. All assignments must be completed and submitted by 11:59:00pm on the due date to receive full credit. Late assignments will receive a percentage of credit. Assignments posted later than one week past the due date will not receive credit.
3. Group assignments will receive two grades; One grade will be determined by a peer evaluation, the other grade will be determined by the quality and timeliness of the submission. These grades will be averaged to determine amount of credit received for that assignment.
4. There will be **two** mandatory on-line synchronous sessions. These sessions will allow us to explore and discuss resources, lessons and activities relating to the course. Every effort will be made to schedule these sessions at a time convenient for the majority. If you cannot attend the session, you are responsible for viewing the taped session and submitting a reflection directly to the instructor.

Nuts and Bolts:

1. You must use Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, etc..).
2. A mandatory requirement of the course is utilizing two exciting applications: *Horizon Wimba* (a voice over IP program) and *Elluminate* (a tool that will allow for synchronous communication, application sharing and much more!). These two applications **require** that you have headphones and speakers.
3. Feel free to ask questions! You may email questions directly, pop into online 'office hours', call or post questions in the appropriate thread pertaining to the assignment at hand.



“I have called this principle, by which each slight variation, if useful, is preserved, by the term Natural Selection.”

—Charles Darwin from "The Origin of Species"